

# **GVE** Commercial Solutions



## **NEC in the Building Sector**

**giving priority to your commercial success**

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- For decades the building construction sector has generally used JCT forms of contract
- NEC forms of contract are becoming more widely used for building projects. This trend is forecast to continue
- NEC contracts are different and carry significant commercial risk for those unfamiliar with their unique administrative needs
- We are uniquely placed to assist contractors with their NEC requirements



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# About us



## We provide:

- Pre-contract services
- Post-contract services
- Programming and planning resources
- Dispute avoidance and resolution, consultancy and management services
- Training on NEC contracts for staff and graduates

## We are:

**Professional:** Qualified at degree and equivalent levels

**Experienced:** Serving large and small contractors for over 30 years

**Successful:** A track record of high levels of success for our clients



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# Pre-contract services

## We:

- Ensure that you take account of NEC pre-contract considerations that cannot be revised later
- Save money by anticipating highly costly amendments
- Give you risk assessments and practical advice on managing risks
  - Checking contract data including secondary options
  - Checking and interpreting 'Z-clause' amendments
  - Reporting findings and using risk traffic light system
  - Assisting in negotiations on amendments
  - Being available to explain and discuss contractual implications

*“Making sure NEC risk implications are fully understood, negotiated and costed before it is too late”*



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# Post-contract services

## We:

- Protect your commercial interests by ensuring that all onerous NEC provisions are administrated correctly and in time
- Protect your professional reputation
- Collaborate with your managers and support them appropriately over the full range of their operational and commercial needs
  - Working on-site as required
  - Working closely with your project team
  - Framing the necessary NEC notices to protect your commercial interests
  - Managing compensation events

*“Putting an NEC expert commercial manager and contract administrator alongside you at any stage of your contracts”*



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# Programming and planning

*“Getting an NEC-compliant programme that is a secure foundation for effective management of your contract ”*

## We:

- Provide you with the programming tools to successfully manage NEC monthly programming and compensation events
- Assist you in avoiding failures to achieve your full commercial entitlements
- Ensure that your programmes are NEC compliant
  - Achieving NEC programming compliance
  - Updating the programme as required
  - Monitoring progress and reporting
  - Actively engaging with and collaborating with your team on-site
  - Ensuring ‘risk’ is included in your programme



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# Dispute avoidance and resolution

## We:

- Save money, increase profitability, reduce liabilities and avoid costly mistakes by using our significant NEC dispute avoidance experience
- Provide pragmatic expert advice when disputes do arise or need to be defended
- Supplement your in-house resources and your legal team with experienced and expert dispute managers
  - Prevention of disputes
  - Dealing with disputes
  - Adjudication expertise
  - Reducing legal costs by providing expert know-how and information

*“Experts in providing clients with high levels of success in preventing, managing and resolving contract disputes”*



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# Contract training

## We:

- Provide your staff with the correct NEC knowledge
- Illustrate the common pitfalls with NEC and how to avoid them
- Provide practical training and “what the textbooks don’t tell you”
- Are available for on-site training if preferred

## We offer a number of training options including:

- Pre-Contract Considerations (1/2 day)
- Introduction to NEC (1 day)
- Planning and Programming (1 day)
- ‘Bitesize’ training (1 ½ hours) on specific topics
- Full workshops for up to 20 people or one to one training
- We can also tailor workshops in content, duration and location to fulfil your specific needs

## Who would benefit?

Anyone involved in running or administering an NEC project



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# A sample of our building sector clients

Balfour Beatty  
Carillion  
Colorminium  
Costain Ltd  
Delta Group  
East Sussex County Council  
Ellis Building Contractors  
F B Ellmer Construction  
Galliard Construction  
Galliard Homes  
Galliford Try  
Graham Group  
Honeywell  
Jacobs Group  
J Murphy & Sons  
Kier  
Laing O'Rourke  
O'Keefe Construction (Greenwich)  
Owen Contractors Ltd  
Paragon Design Joinery  
R G Group  
Russell Cawberry  
Sapphire  
Vinci Construction UK  
Willmott Dixon

## Working with Legal Advisors

We frequently work with our clients' legal advisors and are also referred by legal advisors.

### **They include:**

Addleshaw Goddard  
Fenwick Elliott  
Laytons Solicitors  
Pinsent Masons  
Sheridan Gold  
Taylor Wessing  
Veale Wasbrough Vizards

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# Careers

## Why choose GVE?

It's exciting times here at GVE, a well-established quantity surveying consultancy based in Maidstone, Kent.

We are looking for ambitious people to join our team of hard-working professionals on challenging and varied projects across the UK and overseas.



We would like to hear from you if you are qualified and experienced in any of the following:

- Quantity surveying
- Dispute management
- Contract administration
- Commercial management
- Adjudication
- Construction claims
- Procurement
- Planning and Programming

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