

Institution of Civil Engineers launch Say No Toolkit to help members through ethics challenges

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2nd December 2015: The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) has launched a free toolkit to help civil engineers who are facing difficult ethical situations in the work place.

Developed in collaboration with the Institute of Business Ethics, ICE's Say No Toolkit is available as both a web tool and an App. The toolkit provides 'in the moment' practical guidance on how to handle a range of situations - such as potential conflicts of interest, anti-competitive situations, offers of gifts, or requests to authorise an unplanned payment.

Nathan Baker, ICE's Director of Engineering Knowledge, said: *"ICE's members work across all parts of the globe and face different ethical practices and challenges. We want to enable our members do the right thing, and we wanted to develop something quick and practical.*

"Our new Toolkit provides a quick and easy reference tool to help members overcome some of those tricky questions when it comes to good business ethics. The App version, which is available as a free download, will be especially useful for members working away from the office, particularly in remote locations, and does not require an internet connection."

View the ICE Say No Toolkit at <http://ice.saynotoolkit.net/>

Philippa Foster Back, CBE, Director of the Institute of Business Ethics said: *"By developing the Say No Toolkit for their members, the Institution of Civil Engineers is practically supporting in their members to 'do the right thing'. Knowing that ICE members are committed to working to the highest ethical standards helps the public to put their trust in civil engineers and also increases respect for the profession."*

What is the SayNo Toolkit?

The Say No Toolkit is a decision-making tool that can be used either as an App or as a website.

It provides immediate practical help in making the right decision across a variety of situations, such as when to accept a gift, when not to offer hospitality, what to say to avoid a facilitation payment and what to do if faced with a conflict of interest.

The SayNo Toolkit will help organisations which

- Need an immediate and effective way to answer employee/member questions about what they should do
- Operate in countries with a reputation for bribery and corruption
- Are establishing 'adequate procedures' to combat bribery and corruption
- Are looking for ways to reinforce messages about doing the right thing.

Using the Say No Toolkit

The website version of the IBE Say No Toolkit is available to use for free. Simply go to www.saynotoolkit.net. This is a generic version providing important but general advice on how to respond. A free App can also be downloaded on to any smartphone/tablet.

The Say No Toolkit can be branded and customised to include specific organisational direction and detailed procedures and contact details for companies or professional bodies, like the Institution of Civil Engineers

The Say No App - Helping you do the right thing

Find out more about the IBE Say No Toolkit www.saynotoolkit.net

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The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is a leading source of professional expertise in transport, water supply and treatment, flood management, waste and energy. Established in 1818, it has over 86,000 members, 24% of whom are based overseas. ICE's vision is to place civil engineering at the heart of society, delivering sustainable development through knowledge, skills and professional expertise. ICE has long worked with the government of the day to help it to achieve its objectives, and has worked with industry to ensure that construction and civil engineering remain major contributors to the UK economy. www.ice.org.uk

The IBE Say No Toolkit

The Say No Toolkit is a decision-making tool available as a free download.

It gives immediate assistance when faced with a potentially corrupt situation.

For more information visit: www.saynotoolkit.net

