

Key technical work

- Update to workmanship on construction site standards – design and installation of drylining systems (the working group for BS8000 Part 8 chaired by FIS Technical Director)
- Work commenced with Imperial College and the Steel Construction Institute testing the impact of building movement on SFS fixings
- FIS announces updated vetting process aligned to [Common Assessment Standard](#)
- Surveyed drylining and ceiling market for Autumn report

Business support and guidance

- FIS community continues to be strengthened by record number of applications
- Results of Quarter 1 FIS State of Trade Survey presented in a meeting with the Bank of England: [Uncertain start but grounds for optimism](#)
- Launch of template [FIS Standard Contracts](#), Best Practice Guidance and Payment Schedule
- Launched new member benefits including Crusader Vehicles – [up to 15% discount](#) and RBMC, risk management consultant - 10% discount on consultancy fees

Lobbying and representation

- FIS invited to join the new Home Building Skills Partnership Sector Panel (chaired by Matthew Pratt, CEO Redrow)
- [FIS responds to consultation](#) on measuring embodied carbon and carbon leakage
- FIS met with senior members of Build UK and the Bank of England on a roundtable discussion on prospects and forecasts for UK construction (with input from the FIS Q1 State of Trade survey)
- FIS joins the RICS Conflict Avoidance Coalition Steering Group
- FIS responds to Government consultation on payment and retention overhaul
- FIS responds to RICS consultation on Whole Life Carbon Assessment for the Built Environment
- FIS takes a lead role in the new HSE campaign about the hidden dangers associated with asbestos

Skills and training

- [Launch of FIS Apprenticeship Knowledge Programme](#) for apprenticeship and Vocational Qualification Training
- Nominations opened for [Training Awards 2023](#)
- A focus on quality of assessment of core qualifications through the FIS Approved Training Provider meeting

Key events

- [Contractors Awards Lunch](#) – record attendance
- Industry Days - Commercial Fit-Out and D&B and Housebuilding
- Scottish regional event
- FIS Technical team active at a number of workshops / events at Clerkenwell Design Week
- FIS supported the Construction Industry's Inspiring Change Conference and Awards
- FIS Technical Director delivered a speech at the Fire Safety Event at the NEC