



RIDBA/043

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The search is on for RIDBA Ltd

Build UK is set to recruit a new manager for the Rural and Industrial Design and Building Association RIDBA.

The search is now on for a pack leader for the agricultural building watchdog RIDBA Ltd (the Rural and Industrial Design and Building Association).

It has been brought about by the retirement next year of national secretary Tony Hutchinson who has held the post for 16 years and was the driver behind its evolution in the past five years from a small trade association with just 75 members to almost 200.

This situation prompted a review of its future format and function and after a sub-committee reviewed how other trade associations are managed it recommended that RIDBA's secretariat be managed by Build UK, the newly-merged National Specialist Contractors Council and UK Contractors Group.

Build UK represents 27 of the industry's largest main contractors and 40 leading trade associations representing over 11,500 specialist contractors and is currently providing the secretariat for four other organisations.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on October 6th RIDBA Ltd members (typically steel and timber frame manufacturers) agreed Build UK can employ a dedicated trade association manager to run RIDBA, supported by the rest of the Build UK team as required.

Tony Hutchinson said: "I am delighted that RIDBA Ltd has decided to contract with Build UK Ltd to provide their secretariat and am confident they will help RIDBA Ltd to increase its membership and improve the quality of its service to members."

With Tony at the administrative helm, RIDBA has most notably helped its members through the new CE Marking regulations which made it a criminal offense after July 2014 to supply structural steel that did not meet the new criteria.

It did this by linking up with regulatory body BM TRADA to give its members preferential access to guidance manuals and training which has markedly reduced their costs in meeting the requirements, costs which they could have chosen to pass onto their farmer clients.

It also more recently warned farmers that under the new CDM (Construction Design and Management) Regulations, which came into force in April this year, they are now the ones responsible for being satisfied that the building contractors they appoint will allocate adequate resources to health and safety.

The review of other trade associations also revealed that many were incorporated and most did not pay tax on any surpluses they made from servicing members. Therefore, the EGM also agreed that RIDBA becomes a company limited by guarantee, with a board of directors rather than a council, and Articles of Association rather than a Constitution.

As part of these changes RIDBA's membership categories will evolve to include two levels of corporate and associate membership, for frame and non-frame manufacturers respectively, with less and more than six employees.

A RIDBA statement said: "If we are to grow our membership, and more importantly seek to deliver the additional services requested, we needed to develop our administrative function. With Build UK's contacts in all the key Government departments and its experience of representing contractors we can have more influence on Government action in these areas."

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1. Anglia Farmer
2. British Dairying
3. British Farmer & Grower
4. Buildingtalk
5. Contractors Bulletin
6. Dairy Farmer
7. Dairy Industry Newsletter
8. Farm Brief
9. Farm Business
10. Farm Contractor & Large Scale Farmer
11. Farmers Club Journal
12. Farmers Guardian
13. Farmers Guide
14. Farmers Weekly
15. Farming Country
16. Farming Monthly
17. Farming News
18. Farming Scotland Magazine
19. Farming Today (BBC Radio 4)
20. Farming UK
21. Farming Wales
22. International Hatchery Practice
23. National Farmer
24. News & Star (Carlisle)
25. Northern Farming Gazette
26. NSC - New Steel Construction
27. On Your Farm (BBC Radio 4)
28. Pig International
29. Pig News & Information
30. Pig & Poultry Marketing
31. Poultry World
32. Practical Poultry
33. RCI - Roofing Cladding & Insulation
34. Scottish Farming Leader
35. Smallholder
36. South East Farmer
37. South West Farmer
38. Stackyard
39. The Ark
40. The Farmer
41. The Farmers Mart
42. The Farming Programme (Lincs FM)
43. The Scottish Farmer

44. Three Counties Farmer
45. Timber in Construction
46. Today's Farm
47. Wrights Farming Register
48. Y Tir / Welsh Farmer
49. Agri-Hub
50. Ben Pike
51. Sam Luckin
52. www.agricultureindustrytoday.co.uk

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