

# Why More Organisations Are Becoming SSIP Supporter Members

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## Building Better Procurement Through Collaboration and Consistency

Across both the public and private sectors, procurement teams are under increasing pressure to deliver value, reduce risk and demonstrate robust supplier assurance processes. At the same time, organisations are seeking ways to streamline contractor assessment, reduce duplication and maintain confidence in the competence of those they engage.

This is where [Safety Schemes in Procurement \(SSIP\)](#) is making a difference.

As the umbrella body for occupational health and safety assessment schemes in the UK, SSIP was established to simplify supplier assurance by reducing the need for contractors to undergo multiple health and safety assessments. Through its widely recognised Deem to Satisfy framework, contractors assessed by one SSIP Member Scheme can be recognised by others, helping to save time, reduce costs and improve efficiency throughout the supply chain.

Today, SSIP plays a vital role in supporting organisations to improve procurement efficiency, strengthen contractor competence assessment, promote consistency across supply chains and raise health and safety standards.

## More Than Certification

While many organisations are familiar with SSIP certification, fewer are aware of the benefits of becoming an SSIP Supporter Member.

Supporter Membership is designed for organisations that influence procurement, contractor management, safety governance or industry standards. This includes local authorities, housing associations, clients, buyers, trade associations and organisations responsible for managing extensive contractor networks.

Importantly, Supporter Membership is not a contractor certification scheme. Rather, it provides organisations with the opportunity to actively support SSIP's mission while engaging with a network committed to improving procurement practices and supplier assurance across the built environment.

For many organisations, the value lies in the ability to contribute to industry-wide discussions on contractor competence, procurement efficiency and health and safety best practice. Supporters gain access to valuable industry insight, networking opportunities and enhanced engagement with the wider SSIP community, while demonstrating their commitment to safer and more consistent procurement practices.

### Leading the Conversation on Supplier Assurance

One of the key reasons organisations choose to become Supporter Members is the opportunity to help shape future thinking around supplier assurance. As procurement requirements evolve and expectations around competence continue to grow, collaboration between buyers, contractors, assessment bodies and industry stakeholders has never been more important.

Supporter Members play an important role in these conversations, helping to strengthen the collective voice of industry and promote practical solutions that benefit both buyers and suppliers.

Eleanor Eaton, Chair of SSIP, said: "SSIP Supporter Membership reflects a shared commitment across industry to improve procurement outcomes. By working together, we can reduce inefficiencies, enhance confidence in contractor competence and build stronger, safer supply chains for the future."

Organisations also recognise the practical benefits of supporting a framework that reduces unnecessary duplication. By promoting consistent approaches to contractor competence assessment, SSIP helps create more efficient procurement processes and greater confidence throughout the supply chain.

Ultimately, becoming an SSIP Supporter Member is about more than membership alone. It is a visible commitment to improving standards, supporting best practice and contributing to a more efficient and effective approach to supplier assurance.

For organisations that want to demonstrate leadership in procurement, health and safety and supply chain management, Supporter Membership offers an opportunity to be part of a community working to deliver meaningful improvements across the industry.

To find out more about SSIP Supporter Membership, visit the SSIP website: [SSIP.org.uk](http://SSIP.org.uk)