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BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION SECURES CONTRACT TO BUILD THE BARRY WATERFRONT CAMPUS AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CENTRE FOR CARDIFF AND VALE COLLEGE

Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) has chosen Bouygues UK, the UK subsidiary of Bouygues Construction, to build the Barry Waterfront Campus and the Advanced Technology Centre in Glamorgan, South Wales. These two facilities, which will welcome their first students in 2027, will be built under the Mutual Investment Model (MIM)¹ programme.

The contract is worth £119 million (€143 million).²



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The **Barry Waterfront Campus (BWC)**, to be built on a brownfield site, will be a further education centre and vocational college employing innovative educational practices. It will accommodate up to 900 students, offering a wide range of courses, including art and

¹ The **Mutual Investment Model (MIM)** is a funding scheme introduced by the Welsh government to secure private capital for major public infrastructure projects.

² Project taken in the order book in March 2025

design, personal care, hospitality and catering, and hairdressing and beauty therapy. The building will include a health and beauty salon and a restaurant. These businesses will be run by the students themselves, allowing them to put their skills into practice while providing services that will be of use to local residents.

The **Advanced Technology Centre** (ATC), which will be located at Cardiff Airport, will focus on key growth areas, including AI, composites, rapid prototyping, advanced design, electronics and net zero carbon technologies. It will have capacity for some 2,000 students. In addition to flexible classrooms and workshops, the building will include a higher education business centre, an advanced composites manufacturing facility (carbon fibre, glass fibre, etc.), labs for leading-edge robotics and mechatronics, and a “green skills house” to train students in installing renewable technologies.

Both the facilities will meet the Welsh Government’s stringent decarbonisation requirements and both will be carbon neutral in their operational phase.

Bouygues UK and the Welsh Education Partnership Company have also made a commitment to the Welsh Government and the CAVC to ensure that the project will have a positive long-term social impact. Particular focus will be given to STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Maths) disciplines to support upskilling and help to address skills shortages in these fields.

During the construction period, Bouygues UK will use the services of local contractors to promote employment and skills development. The company will also offer apprenticeships and training courses to provide new career opportunities for the local population.

The buildings were designed by Sheppard Robson Architects. Work on-site will get underway in June 2025, with completion expected in mid-2027.

Philippe Bernard, CEO of Bouygues UK, said: *“This project symbolises our commitment to creating buildings that are useful to society, innovative and sustainable. Our support for Cardiff and Vale College in the development of these two new campuses is part of our tangible contribution to the training of tomorrow’s talent and to the ecological transition of the education sector.”*

Bouygues UK has extensive expertise in building educational facilities, with numerous high-profile projects throughout the UK to its credit, including Pencoedtre High School, Westminster City School, Cardiff Innovation Campus and Bath School of Management. In other parts of the world, Bouygues Construction has built the BCA Academy in Singapore, the Rolex Learning Center in Switzerland and the Centrale Supélec engineering school in Saclay, France.

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