



## **Benefits of SSIP for Smaller Businesses**

If you are an owner or manager of a small business, you may be wondering how SSIP can help you.

Most SSIP members have signed “mutual recognition” agreements, which mean that as far as health and safety is concerned, if you have been successfully accredited by one SSIP member, then that is recognised by the others. You will not have to complete any additional questionnaires if you want to work for a client who understands the value of SSIP and the processes involved.

Some clients, however, do require additional information on matters other than health and safety, for example handling of waste or equal opportunities so you may be requested to answer additional questions or supply some additional information.

Some SSIP members such as Constructionline have a “one way” agreement in place which means they will accept information from other SSIP members, but as they do not carry out assessments themselves, this cannot be reciprocated. The service levels for each SSIP member are described in detail on the SSIP web site at [www.ssip.org.uk](http://www.ssip.org.uk)

### **SSIP is starting on a journey**

Suppliers should not expect every contractor or client to accept ‘mutual recognition’ overnight. There are many supply chain managers who will need to be convinced they can place their trust in what we are doing.

Small businesses will benefit by being accredited by a member of the SSIP forum. Membership of SSIP is open to any scheme that meets the conditions for membership, which are fully supported by the HSE.

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