

VITAL ENERGI FIGHTS OFF STIFF COMPETITION TO WIN CONTRACT



Vital Energi has fought off stiff competition to win the £7.2 million contract to create a brand new community heating system for the University of Edinburgh Utilities Supply Company.

The sustainable energy specialist, with offices in Blackburn and London, is designing and building a new Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Energy Centre and district heating system.

Vital Energi was selected for its ability to deliver large scale projects to tight timeframes.

The first phase of the work includes design and build of the energy centre and district heating network. Work begins in September 2012 and must be completed by October 2013.

The new energy centre will be built next to the University's Centre of Sport and Exercise. More than 4,000m of district heating pipe and high voltage cable will allow the University of Edinburgh Utilities Supply Company to supply heat and power to 12 existing buildings on the University's city centre campuses.

Phase 2 of the project starts in May 2015 and ends in October 2015 and includes connection of the two proposed Holyrood post graduate accommodation blocks and extension of the district heating network. Vital Energi has also been invited to tender for the 10 year operations and maintenance contract for the CHP engine.

The University of Edinburgh Utilities Supply Company's new community energy scheme will make a significant contribution to the reduction of the University of Edinburgh's carbon footprint.

Ian Whitelock, joint managing director of Vital Energi, commented: *"Logistically this is a challenging project but Vital Energi has years of experience successfully delivering sustainable energy solutions in difficult circumstances. We are adept at overcoming all kinds of obstacles including difficult terrain, restricted access to sites and tight timeframes."*

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