

Issues to consider when choosing a supplier for your Building Energy Management System (BEMS)

System Installations

The Building Energy Management System installation is the brains of your building services plant and needs to support the building fabric, building use and possibly processes carried out within the building. The project scope and complexity will often guide the selection of a suitable installer. The following may also be relevant:

Scope of Works

- How much of the project will be undertaken by in-house permanent staff?
- What proportion of the works will be sub-let and managed?
- Are site personnel equipped with an ECS Skill Cards in BEMS engineering?

Technical Capabilities

- Is the contractor able to offer equipment from multiple manufacturers or are they tied to one brand?
- Has the installer an 'official' status to show manufacturer's support?
- Does the company benefit from membership of their industry's trade association?
- How does the installer keep abreast of technological advancements in their trade?
- Do they have a programme for staff development and training?

Experience

- Can the installer demonstrate success with previous similar projects?
- How will the Design, Project Management, Installation, & Commissioning phases be managed?
- Can the company show an organisation diagram for the project with the relevant specialists?

