



Sedgwick announces partnership with CIWEM to advance flood risk management

LONDON, 27 April 2021 – [Sedgwick](#), a leading global provider of technology-enabled risk, benefits and integrated business solutions is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) to help design, develop and deliver accredited Property Flood Resilience (PFR) training on behalf of the UK's Environment Agency.

Building on Sedgwick's global expertise in property insurance claims and leading thinking of future flood response, this partnership will advance flood risk management by increasing competence, consistency and confidence to, and for the PFR community.

Ian Gibbs, national technical manager at Sedgwick will be actively involved with CIWEM, as part of the team writing and delivering the training materials to PFR stakeholders including surveyors, insurers and engineers, contractors, flood professionals within the flood and wider construction industry.

The training will be delivered online, virtually and in person, and will be tailored for three specific target audiences with the objective of providing them with the knowledge of best practices in the application of the definitive PFR delivery standards, the Code of Practice (CoP) and Guidance for Property Flood Resilience, published by the Construction Industry Research and Information Association (CIRIA), in January 2021.

Those three target audiences for training are:

- Industry professionals
- Environment Agency employees
- Other Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) such as lead local flood authorities, water companies and drainage authorities.

Commenting on the partnership, Ian Gibbs said: "The training will be beneficial to both brokers and insurers as well as to the flood/construction industry, as it will enable all parties to raise standards of PFR. The rising knowledge levels in the Environment Agency and Local Flood Authorities is an additional strand to the training. I am most grateful to CIWEM for their trust and look forward to working with them to achieve the best outcomes for PFR."

Darren Eckford, CIWEM head of learning and development services added: “As a project team, we are fully cognisant of the skills gaps and range of highly nuanced issues in the field, the way in which delegates acquire knowledge and skills and hence, the need for engaging training content and application-ready solutions that will achieve the best outcomes.”

Sedgwick and CIWEM are currently working on producing the training plans and other material required for the programme, with the objective of beginning the actual training later in the year.

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