

**Future Construction Challenges**  
**National Market Intelligence Summary**  
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## Market Intelligence Background

- Sub-contract prices pose significant challenges to project budgets
- Unpredictable prices and significant increases in some lead times driven by the strong resurgence in demand in the construction industry with the housing sector in particular driving higher demand
- Shortages in critical plant items such as cranes and piling adds further pressure to cost and programme
- Such volatility emphasises the need for strong project collaborative working, especially during the pre-construction phase

## Market Intelligence Background - cont

- This is a pilot study by the NACF to identify market trends
- Regional Framework Contractors asked to obtain information from their supply chain on a range of issues compared to the previous year
- A range of packages selected for interrogation
- The contractors were also asked to predict market trends on the same packages through the supply chain
- Each region has carried out an analysis of the returns to prepare a mode / median / mean average of the results

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## Market Intelligence Results

- This is the first time we have collated results for discussion at NACF meetings
- Results intended to show trends only and should not be read as definitive
- Presentation shows a sample of the results

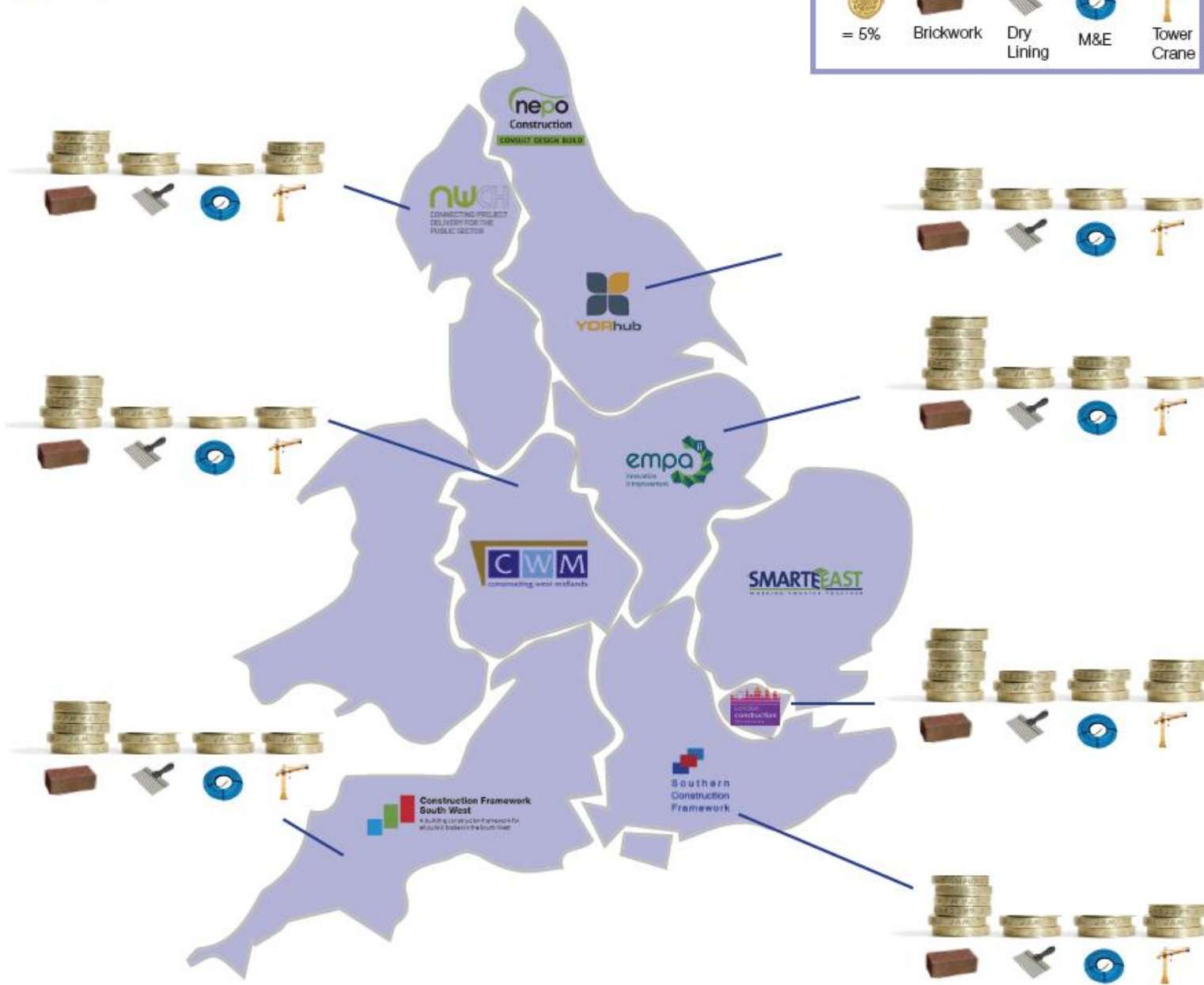
# COSTS

 = 5%  
 Brickwork  
 Dry Lining  
 M&E  
 Tower Crane

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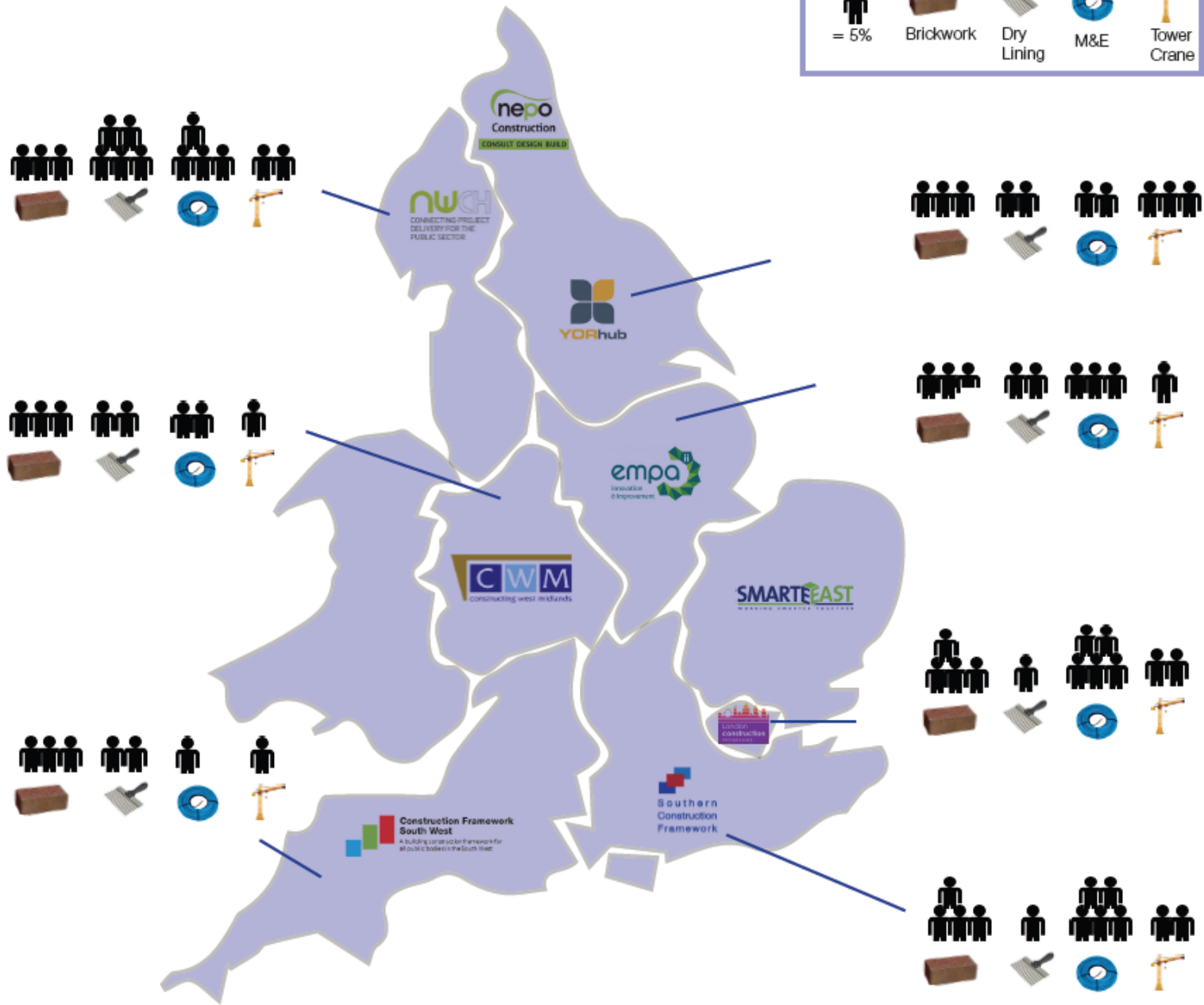
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# NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

 = 5%  
 Brickwork  
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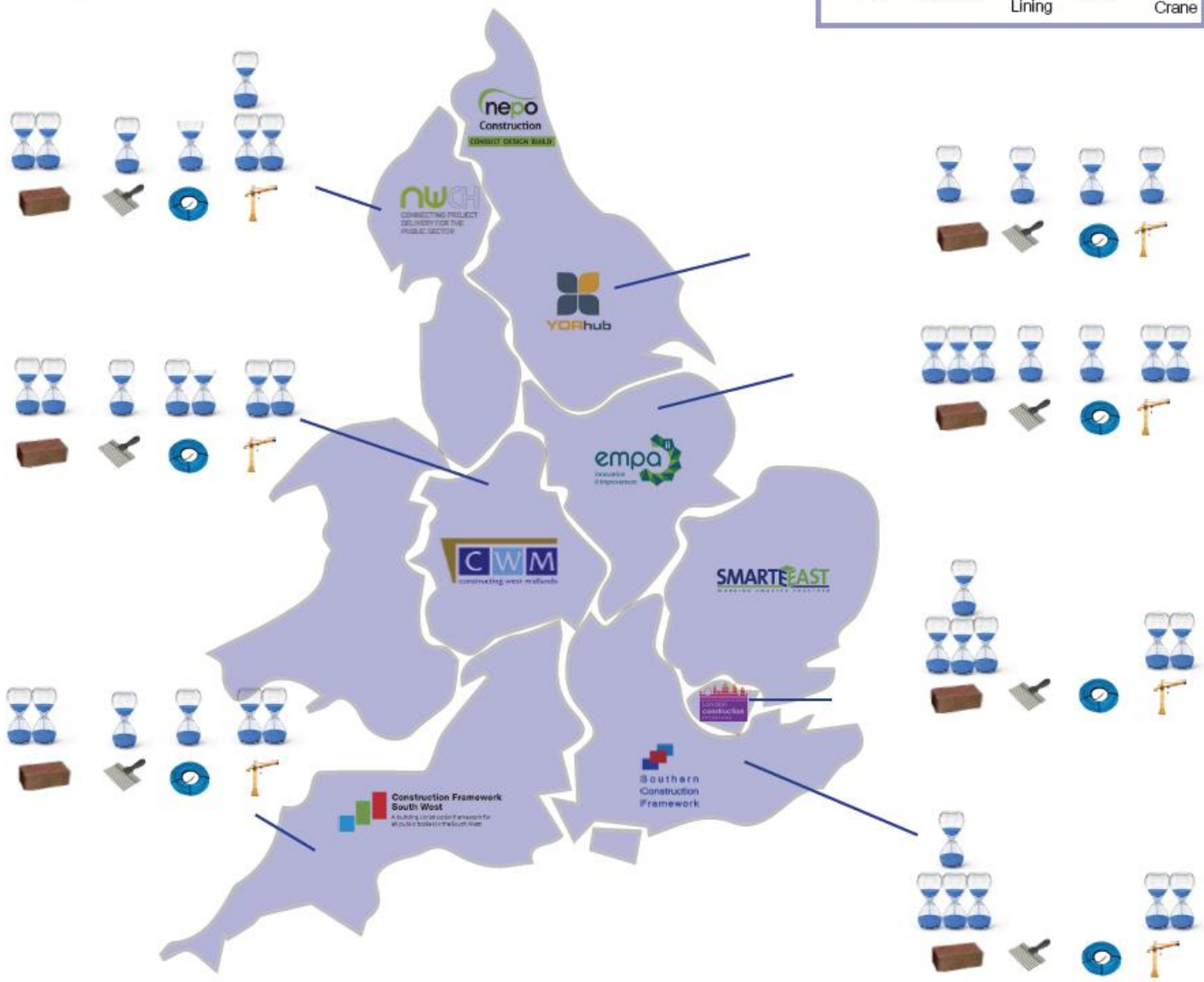
# AVAILABILITY: WEEKS

				
= 5%	Brickwork	Dry Lining	M&E	Tower Crane

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# PRICE FORECAST: LABOUR

				
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