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Purpose; Purpose:

The purpose of the inventory is to share the ECRI Sponsors' knowledge of standard format contracts used throughout the Engineering & Construction Industry. The continuing project includes finding, where available, critiques or analyses of the standard contracts. Whenever possible, ECRI participates in committees to review or update the forms.

Introduction; Since the mid 1990s, the New Engineering Contract has emerged as the contract of choice for many private and public sector clients. Its genesis is owed to a number of individuals drawn from all sectors of the industry, who considered that a new approach was needed to combat the claims culture and inefficiency encountered with other forms of contract. Although the NEC cannot claim to have rid the industry of these characteristics, it remains the only form of standard contract to promote processes over and above strict legal rights and remedies, and therefore is more often to be found on the desk top than in the bottom drawer on most Projects! ¹.

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