



## E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

### REGIONAL NEWS

**Skills & Training:** South West RDA is funding a benchmark study that will better understand the employment & associated skills needs of existing & future supply chains within the environmental industries sector. The project started in February 2005 and is being led by Energy & Utility Sector Skills Councils.

The **UKFEI Skills Special Interest Group** met for the fourth time in April at EEDA in Cambridge. Members expressed enthusiasm for the high quality of information and best practice exchange on training on interventions that this Group is facilitating.

**Innovation:** Nanotechnology is the exploitation of nanoscale science with the potential to create sustainable, environmentally clean industries devoid of waste and with little or no solvent use. This includes bio-sensors and monitoring systems with enhanced accuracy and specificity for environmental pollutants in water, air, and food.

**EnviroLink Northwest** is organising a members meeting to look at the impact of nanotechnology on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Procurement:** Barbara Morton is addressing a meeting of key public stakeholders at an event being held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. Participants include the North West Regional Assembly, GONW, NWRDA and the Environment Agency. Barbara will outline the issues and opportunities in the recently launched UK Sustainable Development strategy.

The **UKFEI Sustainable Procurement Special Interest Group** met for the first time in Manchester in April. Members agreed on the value of continued meetings.

**New Initiatives: Manchester: Knowledge Capital (M:KC)** is leading a partnership including the local authorities of the Manchester city region to bring about a 'green energy revolution' that will use the knowledge economy of the city region to convince businesses, large organisations and household across Manchester to play their part in radically reducing their emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases.

**Grants & Schemes: STEP** is a UK-wide programme offering undergraduates project-based work within SMEs. Application deadline is 9<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Please see [www.step.org.uk](http://www.step.org.uk) or contact 0870 0365 450 for details.

### IN GENERAL

#### **SME Calls under the Sixth Framework Programme:**

Call for Collective Research Projects - call ends 26<sup>th</sup> May 2005. For details, please visit:

[http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call\\_details.cfm?CALL\\_ID=190](http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=190)

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Call for Cooperative Research Actions - call ends 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005. For further information, please visit:

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### DIARY DATES

**ET 2005** featuring the Environmental Management Forum, together with **ICU** is almost here – **24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2005** at the NEC, Birmingham. To book: [www.et-expo.co.uk](http://www.et-expo.co.uk)

**EIC Land Remediation business seminars** on the market drivers & regulatory barriers to cleaning-up brownfield land – including the recent announcement of changes to Mobile Plant licensing will take place at ET2005 on 25<sup>th</sup> May. To ensure that you secure your place, please visit: [www.eic-uk.co.uk/images/Seminar%20leaflet\\_5.pdf](http://www.eic-uk.co.uk/images/Seminar%20leaflet_5.pdf)

**Sustainability & Wales Conference**, incorporating the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wales Environment Awards 2005**, on **30<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005** at Cardiff International Arena will focus on Sustainable Development & the Public Sector, Sustainable Development in Business, Meeting the Sustainable Development duty in Wales and an exhibition from sponsors. Further information can be found at [www.arenanetwork.org](http://www.arenanetwork.org)

The above event is scheduled just ahead of the **G8 Summit** that will take place on the **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July** at the Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland, and also ahead of the UK holding the UK Presidency.

**Enviro 2006** is an international exhibition & conference on innovations in the environmental technologies sector. The event is being held at the Manchester International Convention Centre on **7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006**. To find out more, and to book your place, visit [www.enviro2006.co.uk](http://www.enviro2006.co.uk) Enviro 2006 will be launched at ET 2005.

### ANY QUESTIONS...?

Please send your questions, on any aspect of the UK environmental industries, to [g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk](mailto:g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk), and every attempt will be made to answer them in the next edition.

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