



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Skills & Training: **Scottish Executive** published "Going for green growth: a green jobs strategy for Scotland -exploiting opportunities; improving productivity; growing the economy" on Friday 17th June. For further details of the report, see: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2005/06/16134452>

Innovation: A £6.5 million scheme to develop the UK's first successful **bio-energy power plant** in Staffordshire, using miscanthus or "elephant grass" as fuel, has received a major cash boost from **Advantage West Midlands**. The two-megawatt generator will enable around 170 farms to diversify into energy crops.

An innovative wind turbine project, the **WindSupply Project**, has had the go-ahead to continue its work across the West Midlands thanks to investment of over £400,000 from Advantage West Midlands.

Procurement: **Envirolink Northwest's** Transformation of Waste to Product (TW2P) Programme has seen recent success working with Innovia, a Cumbrian Company. Until recently, Innovia was sending 1,800 tonnes of small off-cuts and waste to landfill. Now, 80 tonnes a month is being profitably shipped to American oil wells.

New Initiatives: **SEEDA** has recently secured a Regional Framework Operation, called GROW- partly funded by the European Commission under INTERREG IIIC. This joint programme worth 7.5 millions euros has brought together 5 European High Growth Regions, who share the same vision of not "growth at all cost", but the achievement of "Smart Growth". The partner regions will work towards a joint implementation of the Lisbon and Gothenburg agendas. Please see: www.grow3C.com

Wales is one of only three countries in the world with a statutory commitment to promote sustainable development, and **Technium Sustainable Technologies** is Europe's first business innovation and incubation centre geared specifically towards the development of sustainable technologies. This latest Technium Centre, based at Baglan Energy Park, South Wales is set to open by late summer 2005.

To find out more about Technium Sustainable Technologies or to register for an e-alert, please visit:

<http://www.technium.co.uk/sustainabletechnologies>. You can also view the first newsletter by clicking on http://www.wda.co.uk/index.cfm/wda_home/technium_sustainable_technologies/news/newsletter/en9469

International Trade: The mission report '**From tree to fuel woodfuel supply chain infrastructure in the USA**' is now available. Download a free copy of the mission report at: <http://www.globalwatchservice.com/Pages/ThreeColumns.aspx?PageID=102>

Grants & Schemes: Small businesses will gain access to about **£200m in early-stage funding** through a project that could be launched by the Government at the end of this month. The money is intended to help fill an 'equity gap' complained of by small entrepreneurs, who say private equity firms have withdrawn from funding them.

IN GENERAL

SEEDA are advertising for a **CEO** for the newly created sector company, **EnviroBusiness South East**. The adverts have been placed in the Sunday Times on the 19th June and the ENDS report. Salary will be circa £50K depending on the candidate's experience.

DIARY DATES

Ninth Grove Fuel Cell Symposium, 4 - 6 October 2005, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. The 2005 conference will reflect the advances in transportation, large-scale power generation and micro fuel cells. To register for this event, visit www.grovetfuelcell.com

A **free technology partnering service** is being organised in conjunction with the Ninth Grove Fuel Cell Symposium. To register your interest, email: info@fuelcellpartner.com, tel: 01664 501551.

Sustainable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Environmental Solutions Expo 2005, 18 - 20 October 2005, Olympia, London. For more information about this event, visit www.energy-expo.info

ANY QUESTIONS...?

Send your questions, on any aspect of the UK environmental industries, to g.nowell@ukfei.co.uk. Every attempt will be made to answer them in the next edition.

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