



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: New tool for water sector companies. If you supply goods or services to the water sector and are an exporter have you registered your company's details on www.ukwater.biz? This UKT&I supported site is designed as the UK source of supply for overseas buyers wishing to source from the UK. Do have a look at the site - it is rather good and registration is free!

New Initiatives: Envirolink Northwest will be launching the Northwest's first **Land Remediation Supply Chain Directory** at its 'Brownfield Redevelopment in the Northwest' event on 21st February at Haydock Park Racecourse, St Helens. For further information contact Pia - p.wagner@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk

Skills & Training: A major skill survey of manufacturing companies just published by the EEF "...has highlighted the clear link between productivity and profitability of manufacturers who not only place a high priority on training but, more importantly, relate their training plan to their strategic business goals." **'Skills for Productivity: can the UK deliver?'** can be downloaded <http://www.eef.org.uk/UK/publications/policy/public/Skills+for+Productivity.htm>

International Trade: EISU Seminar Mission to China – contaminated land remediation, 5th – 10th March 2006. Please contact Liselot Eckhardt for more details; expressions of interest to participate in the mission must be sent to Liselot by 2nd February. Email eisu@pera.com

The DTI Renewable Energy Trade Promotion Service would like to inform you of new opportunities for UK companies in the renewable energy industry. Details of trade promotion and business development opportunities have been posted on their website www.ukrenewables.com Forthcoming opportunities include:

♦ **North East Asia Trade Mission:** Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, **March 2006.** See: <http://www.ukrenewables.com/documentation/NEAsia.pdf>

Procurement: WindSupply project blows in multi million pound orders for West Midlands companies. The WindSupply project, funded by Advantage West Midlands, has helped SERCK Controls, based in Coventry and Rugby-based ALSTOM Power Conversion Ltd (APC) to win significant contracts with European wind turbine builders.

New Appointments

♦ **Yorkshire Forward** - Tom Riordan will take up the post with effect from 1st February. He is currently Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director, Strategy & Policy at the agency. The current Chief Executive, Martin Havenhand, will leave the agency on completion of his contract on 11th April. From 1st February Martin will be operating in an advisory capacity, taking the agency lead for CSR 2007 work and for other key tasks.

♦ **South West RDA** - Jane Henderson will take up post with effect from 1st May when the current Chief Executive, Geoff Wilkinson, retires. Jane was, until quite recently, the Regional Director at GOSW and will join the agency on 6th April to allow for a handover period.

IN GENERAL

UKFEI Exhibition in the House of Commons: The Green Industrial Revolution; helping the UK's environmental technologies and services sector to exploit business opportunities in a global market. From 13th – 17th February 2006, the UKFEI will be exhibiting in the Upper Waiting Hall in the House of Commons. This will be an excellent opportunity for the UK regions to showcase the innovations and developments within the sector, and also demonstrate the growing importance to the UK economy of the environmental goods and services sector.

EnviroPartner UK: This website provides detailed profiles of UK organisations active in environmental and energy-related technologies that may be interested in collaborative working - <http://www.globalwatchservice.com/Pages/TwoColumns.aspx?PageID=489> Please contact info@enviropartneruk.com for details.

Greener Events – A Guide to reducing the environmental impacts of conferences and seminars: This guide has been produced by the Government Office for the South West and is supported by SWRDA, the Sustainable Development Commission and Envirowise. It may be downloaded from: <http://www.oursouthwest.com/SusBus/greener-events.pdf>

Consultations

♦ **Energy Review Consultation.** Deadline - 14th April 2006. See <http://www.dti.gov.uk/energy/review>

DIARY DATES

Low Carbon Options: 9th February 2006 at Old Trafford, Manchester. Envirolink Northwest is holding this event for public sector energy and facilities managers to outline the latest developments in policy and funding for organisations involved in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. For further information please go to the Envirolink Northwest website www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk

2nd Northwest Sustainable Construction Conference 2006: 16th March, Ribby Hall Village, Wrea Green, Lancashire. With the key address being given by Elliot Morley MP, this event will provide industry with information on the latest developments in the field of sustainable construction. To register please contact l.mcgee@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk

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