



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

'**SECURING THE REGIONS' FUTURES'** has recently been published by DEFRA. The report sets out the ways in which the Government will strengthen the delivery of sustainable development in the English regions. A follow up to 'Securing the Future' – the sustainable development strategy – download the report at: <http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/index.asp>

REGIONAL NEWS

New Initiatives: The **West Midlands Environmental Business Opportunity Programme**, a joint project from the Technology Innovation Centre, Midlands Environmental Business Company and the Engineering Employers Federation is also due to launch shortly. The programme is designed to link Midlands' business to a range of environmental markets. Contact David Terry on 0121 331 5400 or email david.terry@tic.co.uk.

Skills & Training: Funding for training is available for companies in the Environmental Goods and Services sector in the **East of England**. Companies may qualify for 50%-70% towards the cash cost of training courses on a first come, first served basis. Paperwork is minimal and companies have the freedom to specify their training needs and preferred training providers. Small family businesses as well as larger companies are encouraged to apply. If interested, please contact Ms Eszter Gulacsy at the Centre for Sustainable Engineering, 01733 865 002 or e.gulacsy@cseng.org.uk. More information may be found at www.cseng.org.uk/Towards2010.

International Trade: UKTI's **Short Term Business Attachment Scheme (STBA)** aims to strengthen the Government's partnership with business and support the development of business opportunities for UK companies overseas. For companies in the **water sector** interested in secondments to Istanbul, Bucharest, Budapest and Warsaw, contact ken.newnham@dti.qsi.gov.uk Georgi Georgiev is currently in Sofia and can answer questions from companies re water opportunities in Bulgaria – tel. 00 359 2 933 9222.

IN GENERAL

UKTI's www.ukwater.biz is now averaging over 2000 hits per month from prospective overseas buyers. Encourage your companies to register on this FREE web-based interactive promotional tool for UK water and wastewater capabilities. Contact david.connolly@dti.sqi.gov.uk for more information.

RDA Briefing Sessions at ET 2006, 18th May: Supported by the UK Forum for Environmental Industries, these FREE sessions will focus on relevant issues with workshops entitled:

- A Practical Guide to Financing Environmental growth
- Manchester is My Planet
- Best Practice Environmental Networks
- Recruiting for Success; A Model for the Environmental Technology Sector
- Business Mentoring in the EGS Sector
- Land Remediation and Regeneration

If you are interested in finding out how you could help your business develop and grow, visit www.et-expo.co.uk to register.

Natural Environment Research Council

♦ **Strategy:** To input into NERC's new strategy for 2007, go to www.nerc.ac.uk/consult/strategy07/

♦ **Newsletter:** To subscribe to NERC's newsletter, 'Using NERC Science', go to http://www.nerc.ac.uk/using/reg_form.shtml

♦ **Science & Innovation Strategy Board:** NERC will be making new appointments to its SISB, to start from September, and is inviting nominations. A nomination form can be found at www.nerc.ac.uk/secretariat-sisb/nominations.asp This should be returned no later than Monday, 5th June 2006, preferably electronically, to laha@nerc.ac.uk. For further information please contact Rachel Leader, Secretary to SISB, on 01793 411595.

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ET, ICU, Nemex 2006: 16–18 May 2006, NEC, Birmingham. Looking for solutions to your environmental and energy issues? Visit www.et-expo.co.uk to register.

EIC Briefing Sessions: 16 – 17 May, NEC, Birmingham. EIC are running four essential briefing sessions at the ICU to look at the market drivers and regulatory barriers to cleaning up brownfield land. See <http://eic-uk.co.uk/images/icu06.pdf>

Celebration of British Support to Poland's Water Sector: 20th September 2006, Warsaw, Poland. This event will give UK companies with water sector knowledge and skills, or who manufacture equipment for the water sector, an opportunity to look closely at the Polish market. Please contact: Jeremy Goad, UKTI Water Sector Export Promoter, email jeremy.goad@gtnet.gov.uk, telephone 07770 331 307.

East Midlands Sustainable Development Expo: 12th October 2006, Pride Park Stadium, Derby. To book meeting space, exhibit or to register, contact info@eiforum.org.uk

For a full events list visit EIForum's events calendar. Visit www.eiforum.org.uk to register (free) and access the calendars for 2006 and 2007 under the 'News' tab.

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