



E-Bulletin for the Environmental Industries

'**PROCURING THE FUTURE**' has recently been published by DEFRA as a sequel to 'Securing the Region's Futures'. The report outlines the need for sustainable development strategies to overcome the key barriers to sustainable procurement via the implementation of a **National Action Plan**. Download the report including recommendations for action at: <http://www.sustainable-development.gov.uk/publications/procurement-action-plan/index.htm>.

REGIONAL NEWS

Innovation: Yorkshire companies leading the bioscience field received an award for their innovation at the 3rd Annual Yorkshire Bioscience Awards on 22nd June in Leeds. Yorkshire Forward commended the companies in their innovation and collaboration, which they state plays an important role in contributing to the sustainable development of the region. For more information please contact Stephen.clements@yorkshire-forward.com.

Windsave Ltd., based in Glasgow have won (jointly) the product prize in **European Business Awards for the Environment** for manufacturing wind turbines. They were produced from recycled materials for use on houses and offices to generate electricity with the excess being directed back into the national grid. Conclusions of the product were that it was affordable and it emitted noise level below the maximum permitted. See <http://www.vibes.org.uk>.

New Initiatives: EnviroBusiness in South East England are launching a grant funding initiative during June 2006 to support investment in new reuse and recycling infrastructure. Collaboration within the region will be encouraged. Contact jayminirathod@envirobusiness.co.uk.

Sector Mapping: The Environmental Technologies and Services Team at EnviroLink Northwest have submitted a brief for a market research study to produce a technology development map for northwest land remediation companies. Incidentally, the preliminary organisation and recruitment for the Civis 2006 Exhibition due to be held in November 2006 has begun; the completed mapping study will be launched. Contact g.nowell@envirolinknorthwest.co.uk.

International Trade: A delegation from St. Petersburg will be visiting the UK on 11th and 12th July to meet UK regeneration practitioners. Topics for investigation include former industrial sites, affordable housing, sport infrastructure, waterfront regeneration, drainage systems, refuse collection and energy saving technologies. The delegation includes the Deputy Chief Architect of St. Petersburg and representatives of the project to redevelop the Sestroretsk Instruments Factory. Contact peter.cain@uktradeinvest.gov.uk.

Other: EnviroLink Northwest has developed a networking portal with the ultimate aim of strengthening the northwest's consulting services. It provides online tools and services to encourage collaboration throughout the region. Its launch is planned for September 2006.

IN GENERAL

Contento Trade is seeking partnerships with agro food industries, incinerators, construction and industrial waste industries to carry out research to develop technologies for the valorisation of industrial waste producing lightweight aggregates, extraction of essential oils, and of lightweight ashes from incinerators. See <http://www.contentotrade.com> or contact bmoylan@strategem.co.uk.

Resource Recovery Forum (RRF) is hosting a national conference on 5th July at the Eden Project in Cornwall, supported by the **National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISIP)**. It aims to explore the prospects for **Resource Recovery Parks** or 'Eco-Parks'. The conference is essential for developers, planners, policy-makers and waste managers as visiting speakers provide presentations of their experience in planning and development of RRFs. Contact kit@resourcesnotwaste.org.

Consultations:

- ◆ **Proposed Amendments to the Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations 2000. Deadline 14th July.** See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/ppc-amendregs-2006/index.htm>
- ◆ **QUEST Earth System Processes and Prediction-Gap/Opportunity. Deadline 14th July.** See <http://quest.bris.ac.uk/whatnext/feedback.html>.

DIARY DATES

International Technology Briefing Course: 5th July 2006. This event is hosted by UKTI in conjunction with **EnviroLink Northwest**. International delegates will visit the northwest and Wales to learn about the EI sector and opportunities for its development in their home countries. For more information contact stephenhill.ukti@nwda.co.uk.

Enviro-Entrepreneur Schools (London and West Midlands): July 2006. Hosted by QED Consulting, this event aims to develop enterprise skills through exploring new business models, opportunities for funding and methods of marketing. Contact martijn@qedconsulting.co.uk.

International Business Briefing: The Clean Energy Sector in China: 11th July, London, and 12th July, Birmingham. This is an Asia-focused Renewable Energy Industry Event. Contact riann.landman@nortonrose.com (London) and anna.wanless@martjohn.com (Birmingham).

REA Wave and Tidal Technology Symposium: 13th July, Bristol. This is a Europe-focused Renewable Energy Industry Event. Contact smerry@r-e-a.net.

2012 Delivering for the UK- Wider Economics Conference: 19th July, Leeds. Exploring the economic benefits of hosting the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, especially for SMEs. Contact g.nowell@ukfei.co.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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