



Joint Investment Programme funding for environmental technologies training

Sector employers in England could now benefit by being supported for **50% of the cost of identified Environmental Technologies training** requirements until 31 July 2011.

The *Joint Investment Programme*, first announced in Skills for Growth, brings together public and private investment to support skills development in areas key to economic recovery and future growth. It offers ring-fenced funding to buy the skills employers want, with the provider they choose.

The programme is designed to support employers to develop and deliver training that will take advantage of new business opportunities in environmental technologies. Employers will be given an upfront commitment of funding to match their own investment, supporting the specific skills needs of their workforce.

Qualifications covered by this funding are:

- Level 3 Award in the installation of Solar Thermal Systems
- Level 3 Award in the installation of Heat Pump Systems
- Level 3 Award in the installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems
- Level 3 Award in the installation of Water Recycling Systems

Each qualification provides an introduction to range of environmental technologies within building services engineering as well as specific training on the indicated technology to develop a competence standard aligned to that required for the Microgeneration Certification Scheme and aligned to the environmental technology competence requirements for Building Regulations Competent Person Schemes.

This opportunity is available to up skill existing workforce but could also be delivered to existing apprentices in an appropriate job function having achieved the relevant threshold level.

Qualification Examples:

- Plumbing or Heating for Level 3 Award in the installation of Solar Thermal Systems
- Plumbing or Heating for Level 3 Award in the installation of Heat Pump Systems
- Electrical for Level 3 Award in the installation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems
- Plumbing for Level 3 Award in the installation of Water Recycling Systems

For an employer to benefit from this programme, they **must commit in writing** to 50% of the value of the cost of training and assessment. Please email or write to your SummitSkills'

regional operations manager by no later than **Thursday 2 September 2010**.

Contact details are on the SummitSkills' website: www.summitskills.org.uk/nations

The information you need to provide to the operations manager is:

- Company or trading name
- Contact name
- Postal address
- Post code
- Telephone/mobile contact
- E mail address
- Size of company(number of employees)
- Number of employees requiring training and in which technology

Summary of criteria for the Joint Investment Programme:

- Funding will be for environmental technology training for businesses or employees based in England only
- Training will commence November 2010 and initial funding of 50% of the cost of training will be available for a period of one year until 31 July 2011
- Funding is for Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) qualifications only
- Funding will only be provided for named employers who have committed to the training in writing by Thursday 2 September 2010
- Employers will be required to contribute their 50% of total the cost of the training prior to commencing the training with the learning provider
- Training and assessment should lead to achievement of an Award (QCF) at Level 3 in one or more of the environmental technologies indicated on page 1
- Training will only be available through specific regional learning providers