

Invitation



DECC offer of support to Local Authorities for Green Deal Supply Chain events

In June and July the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Buildings (EPPB) hosted a series of Green Deal Supply Chain events across Great Britain to help companies, particularly SMEs, find out more about the Green Deal, the opportunities it presents, and how they can take advantage of these and start gearing up. The events also provided a chance for local companies to share how they were gearing up and network with others in their area.

These events were very successful and demand for the events was extremely high. Local participation was a particular factor in the success, with local authorities playing a key role in ensuring that the events were tailored to the local area.

DECC will be hosting additional events in October in London, Leicester and Middlesbrough¹, but we know that many more companies and organisations across Great Britain want to hear more about the Green Deal and the opportunities for promoting local jobs and growth.

DECC would like to offer support to any local authority/authorities that wish to hold a similar Green Deal Supply Chain event in their area between now and the end of January. Whilst DECC cannot guarantee a representative for events, we would like to share our format and we can provide you with a tool-kit of materials and advice to assist you with the organisation. We can also advertise your event on the DECC website.

Gregory Barker, the Minister in charge of the Green Deal, will shortly write to Members of Parliament to inform them of DECC's offer of support.

Our goal is to provide extra help for local authorities who wish to hold an event so as many companies as possible can hear about the Green Deal. There is no obligation to take up this offer.

How to get involved

If your local authority is interested in holding a supply chain event in your area, please initially contact the EPPB - events@eepb.org.uk or by telephone 020 7831 9454 – to

¹ See

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/tackling/green_deal/gd_industry/supply_chain/supplychains/supplychains.aspx for more details

express your interest. You may wish to consider partnerships with other local authorities in your area to deliver these.

The Green Deal

The Energy Act 2011 includes provisions for the new 'Green Deal', which intends to reduce carbon emissions cost effectively by improving the energy efficiency of British properties.

The Green Deal will enable private sector or other organisations to offer consumers energy efficiency improvements to their homes and businesses with some or all of the cost paid for over time from the savings they can expect to make on their energy bills. It will provide local regeneration opportunities and can open up jobs to local people. These energy efficiency measures will be provided by businesses people can trust, installed by authorised professionals, and backed up with a legal framework to protect the consumer.

The Energy Company Obligation (ECO) will also be introduced to bring supplier subsidy and Green Deal finance together to help the consumer. ECO will replace existing energy company obligations like Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) and Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP).

From October 2012 Green Deal approved and accredited assessors and installers will be able to begin operating as an initial market develops - for example by offering accredited assessments and installation services - that consumers may want to take forward at their own expense. Green Deal providers will be able to offer Green Deal plans to consumers from 28 January 2013 and we expect the number of offers available to build from there as more providers enter the market.

The Green Deal is broad in scope and will support a range of sectors including the insulation, heating, lighting, glazing and Microgeneration sectors. Over time, it will drive innovation within the market, so that the range of different energy efficiency solutions available to customers will increase as new technologies are brought to market.

It will open up the energy efficiency market and will provide a greatly needed boost for the supply chain – promoting growth and boosting local economy.

Further information on the Green Deal can be found here:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/tackling/green_deal/green_deal.aspx