

# Calling Electronics Companies!

Can your business afford to miss out on funding for skills?

Secure your slice of **£65 million** for skills investment!



The electronics sector is hugely important to the UK economy; with an annual turnover of £25.7 billion, it is essential that electronics companies remain competitive. One way you can improve your business performance is to invest in the skills of your workforce. Semta can help you identify the training needs of your company and give you access to £65 million of funding which is available to the electronics sector in England. Semta can give you expert advice on the types of training that have led to real business benefits in companies like yours.

## Where has the £65 million for skills investment come from?

Semta has secured this funding with government specifically for the sectors which Semta works with, one of which is electronics. In addition to the £65 million which forms part of a "compact" with the government, there are a range of other funding offers available on a regional basis that we can help you access.

## Which qualifications are eligible for funding?

Electronics companies of all sizes can access funding for:

- ▶ All first NVQ Level 2 qualifications
- ▶ Second NVQ Level 2 qualifications from a "priority list" approved by the Learning & Skills Council
- ▶ Any relevant first NVQ Level 3 qualifications
- ▶ A second NVQ Level 3 qualification from a "priority list" approved by the Learning & Skills Council
- ▶ Apprenticeships for people of all ages
- ▶ Skills for Life qualifications to improve for example, numeracy and literacy skills

Companies with 5 - 250 employees can also access funding for a range of management and leadership training needs for a key employee.

Support for Level 4 qualifications will be available in 2009.

## What is the process for accessing the funding?

There are just four easy steps you need to follow:

- 1) Contact Semta and arrange an appointment with one of our sector experts
- 2) With Semta's advice and guidance create a plan which:
  - ▶ Addresses the skills needs of your business
  - ▶ Identifies sources of training to meet your business needs
  - ▶ Helps you access funding to support training activity
- 3) Implement your plan
- 4) In partnership with Semta evaluate the success of the training you have carried out and consider further skills needs

You may also want to explore the benefits of signing the Skills Pledge, a voluntary public commitment which shows that your company is committed to investing in staff training.

## Why is skills development so important?

From the work that Semta has done with other electronics companies, we know that a more skilled workforce is a more productive workforce.

Indro Mukerjee, Chief Executive Officer of C-MAC MicroTechnology and Chair of the Semta Electronics Sector Strategy Group, has recently accepted a Skills and Productivity award on behalf of C-MAC, who design and manufacture complex microelectronics for harsh environments. He explains;

**“C-MAC, like other electronics companies, requires a diverse skill set from its employees and this is essential to driving productivity and competitiveness. Skills development has made a massive contribution to our recent growth and is considered a real investment. C-MAC is committed to workforce development as we know it leads to long-term business benefits.”**

## Contact us

Return the faxback overleaf or call Semta on **0845 643 9001** Email [customerservices@semta.org.uk](mailto:customerservices@semta.org.uk) or visit [www.semta.org.uk](http://www.semta.org.uk)  
Or call Train to Gain on **0800 015 5545** or visit [www.traintogain.gov.uk](http://www.traintogain.gov.uk)

# FAXBACK FORM

To find out more about accessing funding for skills investment simply tick the relevant box(es) below then add your contact details and fax this form to Semta on **01740 644799**

- Please send me more information on the new £65 million funding offer
- Please arrange for a Semta sector expert to contact me
- Please arrange for a Train to Gain broker to contact me

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**My contact details are:**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Business name \_\_\_\_\_

Business sector (please tick one)

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 Electronics    Marine    Mechanical    Metals

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