

28<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Dear College and Training Provider

### **Train to Gain – New Package of Support for Private Sector Small Businesses**

Last week Skills Secretary John Denham announced that small, private sector, businesses will be the focus of £350 million of Government funds to help them train their staff. Designed to help small, private sector, businesses get through the tougher economic climate by building the skills and expertise of their workers, the new package of support will be delivered through the Train to Gain service.

Attached is a copy of the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills press notice and the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform briefing note to Regional Development Agencies and the Business Link network.

The changes to leadership and management will come into effect from November 2008. If you hold a contract to deliver leadership and management support your LSC contact will be in touch with you shortly.

We will provide you with more detailed information on the other changes in November. We intend to organise briefings in each region as well as providing you with additional support materials to ensure that these changes can be introduced quickly and efficiently from January.

In addition to these changes, a new marketing and communications campaign will begin next month and will underline the benefits of developing new skills and retraining, as well as describing the breadth of the support on offer from Government. We will provide you with an overview of the campaign and support materials nearer the time.

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I will write to you again in November once the detail of the changes has been finalised with the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

Yours sincerely



**Mark Haysom CBE**

**Chief Executive**

(Agreed by and electronically signed in his absence)

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