



ITF secures government contract to deliver new energy technology transfer network

ITF, the oil Industry Technology Facilitator has secured a three year, six figure sum contract to deliver a new energy network for the UK industry.

Part of a consortium appointed to run the network on behalf of the UK government's Technology Strategy Board (TSB), the new energy knowledge transfer network (KTN) is being unveiled at Innovate Scotland, a major business event in Aviemore this week.

A UK-wide network, the Energy KTN was established to open up opportunities for collaboration and knowledge sharing across all energy sectors.

ITF's KTN role is to focus on maximising oil and gas resources. The network will also deliver opportunities for developing new technologies in offshore wind, wave and tidal, carbon abatement technologies (including carbon capture & storage and biomass), hydrogen and fuel cells and future emerging opportunities.

Membership of the Energy KTN will be free of charge and open to the entire energy community, including industry, investors, academia, innovators, government bodies and regulators.

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Registered members will benefit from access to services such as research and development funding, project financing, supply chain opportunities and market and policy information. The KTN's services will be delivered through a range of networking events and via an interactive web portal and enquiry help desk.

Neil Poxon, managing director of ITF said:

“The energy KTN has been developed by the UK government's TSB to promote collaboration and knowledge sharing between developers nationally and internationally. In doing so this will enable our industry to identify suitable funding and partnership opportunities. Essentially

it will act as a front door to help developers receive the best support available to progress their technology development.”

Adding to this, Iain Gray chief executive of the Technology Strategy Board said:

“Energy is a priority sector for the Technology Strategy Board and while a number of networks are active in parts of the energy innovation landscape, there is no dedicated network delivering knowledge exchange right across this sector. We have made a commitment to encourage and support knowledge sharing and the flow of ideas to stimulate innovative approaches to energy technologies.”

Case studies from oil and gas energy technology companies, many of which have secured funding through ITF, featured during an energy technology showcase at an associated event, Innovate 09, in London earlier this month. This high profile event, chaired by Natasha Kaplinsky featured government speakers including business Secretary Lord Mandelson, energy parliamentary Secretary David Kidney and enterprise champion, Sir Alan Sugar.

Further regional and sector specific events for the Energy KTN will run regularly.

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