

## **South East Labour Intelligence Market Co-ordinator**

The post of Labour Market Intelligence Co-ordinator was created, under the leadership of the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils, as a shared data and research resource for a large number of stakeholders in skills and employment policy and delivery, and is unique to the South East of England. These key partners include the LSC, JCP, SEEDA and the Alliance of Sector Skills Councils.

The LMI co-ordinator has developed a coordinated approach to the correlation of existing data and research relating to both the local labour market and skills, and played a key role in the provision of labour market intelligence. The research and analysis undertaken has assisted the region's response to the economic downturn, whilst at the same time providing support to researchers in a range of regional organisations and, by generating new ways of thinking, reduced the duplication of activity.

***“Following a review we identified net savings of at least £40,000 for the 12 months contract”***

After just six months in the post, the South East Labour Market Intelligence Co-ordinator has contributed to a number of high profile projects within the South East, including the production of comprehensive Quarterly Labour Market Updates, a contribution to the Diamonds for Investment and Growth, Skills and Employability Strategy, as well as playing an active role on the Regional Recovery Group.

There is great potential for the South East Labour Market Intelligence Co-ordinator to increase the range and variety of projects undertaken, as well as opportunities to contribute significantly to the South East's response to the upturn. Future projects include major input into the South East Skills Strategy, as well as the development of a Labour Market Intelligence Website, which will act as depository for labour market research within the South East.

***“Encouraging collaborative working across the South East”***

The wide range of tasks to which the LMI Co-ordinator contributes has helped the region provide high level, up-to-date labour market intelligence during a period of immense economic uncertainty. The success of the project within the South East has set a precedent for other regions and further enhanced the South East's standing as the leading region for labour market intelligence.

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