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Environmental Business Support



Understanding and managing your environmental impact can cut costs, reduce risks, increase profitability, open new markets and ensure your business is competitive. Business Link can provide impartial advice on environmental issues and assess and advise on support available. This factsheet outlines the huge range of information on our website that will ensure you help the environment and your bottom line at the same time. Visit www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest/green now...

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Your responsibilities to the environment – find out about legal and moral responsibility you have for the impact your business has on the environment.

Save energy and cut costs – find how your business could cut energy costs by over 10 per cent through cost-effective measures. And use our interactive tool to find out how you can go green and save money.

Environmental tax obligations and breaks – find out if your business can benefit from any environmental tax measures: if you invest in environmentally friendly equipment, you could receive tax breaks.

Marketing your green credentials – if you have taken steps to improve the environmental performance of your business you should be publicising your activities. Find how to do this and the opportunities it creates.

OTHER ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Regulations and legislation – NetRegs provides free environmental guidance on complying with employment law.

My business – identify the business categories that best describe your business and find regulations, licences and standards for your particular sector.

Do you need specialist support? – businesses in certain sectors - such as manufacturing, quarrying, engineering and chemicals - may be more likely to engage an environmental consultant. Find out how to do this.

How to set up an environmental management system – find what is needed to ensure your business and your staff manage their environmental impact.

BUSINESS LINK – ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT

Business Link provides the information, advice and support you need to manage your environmental impact. Call our information gateway and speak to online advisers to find out more and be linked to other environmental specialists: 0845 600 9966 or enquires@blpeninsula.co.uk

Environmental phone clinics – call us and book a free extended phone consultation with one of our specialists – we'll follow up with a tailored action plan and links to additional support.

Enhanced support – in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly we provide an enhanced environmental service – with a specialist adviser who will visit and work to help you assess and improve your resource efficiency.

Expert comment – on our website, Rob Graham from Envirowise explains the potential impact of a commitment to resource efficiency.

Solutions for Business – find the environmental support that is part of the national programme of business support.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SUPPORT

Environment Agency – essential legislation and sector specific information.

Public sector procurement – find out how your environmental activities are essential to opening the door to local and national public sector contracts.

Regional business support – there is a range of specialist programmes and support available to UK businesses to help improve your environmental performance.

Local authority support – find out how your local authority is responsible for specific environmental services and support.

HOW BUSINESSES HAVE DEALT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Find out how individual businesses have dealt with, and benefited from, environmental issues, including using tax breaks, using renewable energy and trading ethically.

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS AT A GLANCE

A few essential contacts:

• Environment Agency • Carbon Trust • Netregs • Envirowise

Find out the answers to your questions along with a wide range of other essential information on our website at www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest/green

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