



Saudi Colleges of Excellence

In partnership with the British Council and the Department for International Trade, the Saudi Colleges of Excellence are running a workshop on 22 January to provide briefing for the next phase of procurement for International Technical Colleges. The procurement process will formally start in Q3 2018 after the road show. Qualifications Paths being sought at the next phase include Automotive, Beauty Therapy, Building and Construction, Business, Fashion Design, Fire Safety, Food Manufacturing Technology, Graphic Design, IT Technical Support, Occupational Health and Safety, Professional Cookery, Software Development, Telecommunications Technology, Dental, Tourism and Railway Maintenance. An Agenda is attached.

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Background

The Technical and Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) is the Saudi Government leading provider of Training. In total it has more than 100 colleges and 100,000 trainees. The TVTC focus is on increasing capacity, improving quality and job placement. Its aim is to increase the percentage of high school graduates going to applied education programmes from 9% (2016) to 12.5% (2020) and from 100,000 trainees 2016 to 950,000 by 2020.

In 2013, the TVTC established the Colleges of Excellence programme. This aims to build a stronger, more skilled Saudi workforce to be based on international standards to equip the national workforce to meet the rapidly growing market needs. It has 3 main programmes:

- International Technical Colleges. Currently some 31 Colleges in 23 cities and towns with approximately 17,400 trainees. It is aiming to grow to 48 by 2020. Specialisations include Environmental Technology, Mechanical technology, Allied Healthcare, Electrical and Electronics Technology, Information and Communications Technology, Agriculture and Food Technology, Construction technology, tourism, hospitality and leisure, Automotive Technology, Fashion and Beauty, Business and Finance Services, Aircraft Maintenance Technology.
- The National Center for Strategic Partnerships which addresses immediate short-term solution and longer term solutions to increase the number of university graduates. The NCSP undertakes specialised training modules in collaboration with small and medium companies and also runs specialized training institutes in collaboration with larger companies. Currently there are some 23 institutes with 8,000 trainees and 10,000 graduates. The intention is to increase this to 35 institutions and 16,000 trainees by 2020.
- Capacity Building Projects aims to transform current TVTC training units by bringing in international training providers to work alongside and enhance its performance. The CBCs will focus on building the capabilities of staff, develop the curriculum to meet changing labour market needs, helping students become qualified Saudi workers, increasing the capacity of training units.

COE has built links with 14 International providers. The first 10 COE opened in 2013 and further 27 in 2014. In total 40% of the COE Colleges are operated by UK companies, which are:

- Lincoln College;
- North Hertfordshire College and Hertfordshire Regional College (operating as the Hertvec);
- Highbury Burton Saudi Arabia;
- North East Surrey College of Technology (Nescot)
- The Oxford Partnership comprising Activate Learning and Moulton College; and,
- Interserve Learning & Employment.

Why attend this event?

The Colleges of Excellence will highlight the opportunities for the next phase of International Technical Colleges. They will speak about the lessons learned from the previous phases and highlight the opportunities for phase 3. The workshop will provide the opportunity to ask questions directly to the leadership of the CoE and TVTC and to learn from other UK Colleges who have operated successfully in Saudi.

Who should attend?

UK Colleges, Universities and companies who are interested in delivering training in Saudi Arabia or supporting training.



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