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*****INVITATION TO TENDER*****

**VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR
WORKFORCE PROJECT**

SkillsActive, the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for Active Leisure and Learning, has lead responsibility for the Voluntary and Community Workforce Project across the Skills for Business Network.

The aim of the project is to support the Skills for Business Network (SfBN) to develop and implement a strategy to meet the needs of the UK's voluntary and community workforce and to work closely with the Voluntary and Community Sector Workforce Development Hub.

The project is looking to refresh its Memorandum of Understanding and scope the best management arrangements needed to ensure that the SfBN and the voluntary and community sector partners are best placed to work together to achieve the social and economic regeneration that government is looking for.

We are inviting tenders to carry out this short project and would welcome tenders from any interested parties with up to date knowledge, skills and expertise in the voluntary and community sector and skills development.

For full details please visit:

www.skillsactive.com/byrole/volunteers/VCSworkforceproject/

The deadline for tenders is Wednesday, 30 August 2006.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- I. SkillsActive is the Sector Skills Council (SSC) for Sport and Recreation, Health and Fitness, Playwork, The Outdoors and the Caravan industries.

2. SkillsActive's mission statement is: "To ensure best quality, best business and best value within the Sector to achieve its economic and social potential."
3. SSCs are employer-led organisations that aim to tackle the skills and productivity needs of their sector throughout the UK. SSCs provide employers with the opportunity to provide leadership to meet their sector's skills and business needs. In return they receive substantial public investment and greater dialogue with government departments across the UK.
4. For more information about SkillsActive, please visit our website @ www.skillsactive.com
5. SkillsActive is currently developing a Sector Skills Agreement for the Active Leisure and Learning Sector which will define the Sector's skills needs and ultimately form an agreement between employers, Government and funding partners to shape the workforce for the next ten years.
6. SkillsActive is *Shaping Skills for the Future*, through...
 - PEOPLE...
...ensuring all people in the sector are appropriately trained and qualified.
 - PRODUCTIVITY...
...ensuring better performance through the professional development of the sector.

 - PROVISION...
...ensuring the sector has accessible, relevant and funded training across the UK.

 - PROMOTION...
...ensuring the contributions of the sector are recognised at a governmental level.