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Press Release

Personalised CPD (Continual Professional Development) Programmes sent to your desk!

A new service to keep those in the construction industry informed about important and relevant continual professional development has just been launched by the **CPD & Events** website. The website brings together the CPD programmes of key professional institutions and other learning providers.

For those working in construction and the built environment sector the website, which is managed by SECBE, the South East Centre for the Built Environment, already offers up a huge database of multi-disciplinary events. The system has now been upgraded to do the searching for registered users and will even send a personalised e-newsletter directly to their desk.

Registration on the website invites users to build their own personal profile, identifying up to five topics of particular interest. The system makes a selection from the hundreds of CPD events on the database and sends details of the most relevant in an individually tailored newsletter.

Professional Institutions and other key industry bodies are working together to deliver better, cheaper and more exciting CPD – the aim being to increase uptake of learning opportunities and to create a culture of cross-disciplinary and collaborative event planning and delivery.

Register now on www.cpdevents.org.uk for Lifelong Learning for Built Environment

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Note to editors:

- The **CPD & Events** website is a national system comprising regional forums. Construction Industry Council – South East secured funding from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) to pilot a system to bring together the event programmes of five key professional bodies, Constructing Excellence and SECBE. The project was launched in October '03 and received funding for a further two years from SEEDA to develop the system to become the hub of all CPD and other learning opportunities in the South East. The database now holds over 500 events from 47 event providers.

*The project also received funding from the DTI to enable a national roll to include all regions. A national forum, with representatives from CABE, CITB-ConstructionSkills, CIC and Constructing Excellence, endorsed the CPD. It has been agreed that the system will sit under the umbrella of **ConstructionSkills** with strategic direction from CIC.*

- **SECBE** is the new business consortium to improve the business performance of the built environment sector to deliver world-class facilities and infrastructure to its customers and end users. **www.SECBE.org.uk**