Training Business News in Brief (Nov 06)

Expansion for Datrix
One of the North of England’s leading IT and project management training providers has opened a brand new facility in Sheffield.

Lancashire-based Datrix Training has launched its new centre to provide bespoke project management courses to both public and private sector organisations.

The training company opened a sales and training facility in Leeds earlier this year to add to its six other offices in the north and London.

Epic E-Learning for Pru
Prudential has selected Epic as its preferred e-learning partner.

The insurance company is widely recognised for the quality of its e-learning training with its Learner Management System “Learning Space” having won a number of accolades.

Mark Nobbs, Head of Operational Training, Prudential UK said “The work Epic is doing in researching and reporting global trends and the quality of the content it is producing for innovative blue chip companies is a differentiator.”

The contract will last until 2009.

Facilities Accredited by IITT
The Institute of IT Training (IITT) is launching a new accreditation for learning facilities.

The IITT said that there was a need for the programme as more and more organisations outsource their facilities.

Colin Steed, chief executive of the institute said: "Learning Facilities accreditation offers all training organisations the qualitative reassurance necessary when selecting a training venue."

BAE Uses Infobasis
BAE Systems is using skills management software from InfoBasis.

The tools to help BAE compare the skills it requires with the current skills of its IT professionals and in setting training and development plans.

Thomson Partners Global Knowledge
Thomson Prometric and Global Knowledge have signed a two-year enhanced partnership agreement for high stakes testing services that will be available through Global Knowledge’s network of more than 25 locations in Europe.
The agreement will mean the partnership can offer more certification exams including those from Microsoft, Cisco and CompTIA’s.

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**New MD at Leadership Consultancy**

Leadership development consultancy, the Centre for High Performance Development (CHPD), has appointed Birthe Mester as managing director business development.

Mester is a former German Diplomat, bi-lingual in English and German and has a background in law, macro-economics and psychology.

She was formerly a senior client director at CHPD and will continue to lead research and activity on ‘Women in Leadership’.

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**One-Stop E-Learning Shop**

Kineo has launched a one-stop-shop to e-learning tools, templates and resources.

Steve Rayson, managing partner of the consultancy said: “Our new Rapid E-learning Services embody all our experience on how to design and deliver high quality e-learning, at speed, without incurring huge fees.”

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**NCFE Launches Qualifications for Bright Sparks**

National awarding body NCFE has launched a new range of qualifications aimed at people with creative and innovative ideas.

The NCFE Level 2 Award and Certificate for Developing Enterprise Capabilities develop candidates’ potential through the planning, implementation and evaluation of project work in the context of enterprise.

The qualifications also aim to ensure that candidates understand what enterprise capabilities are, can develop their own enterprise skills and identify how enterprise capabilities can and should be used in education, work and life.

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**Zoo Management Ahead of the Pack**

The Zoological Society of London has selected GBS Corporate Training to carry out new structured managerial training courses at the society’s head offices at London Zoo.

The courses will form part of a planned approach to provide structured management development within the charity.

GBS Corporate Training will run Introductory Certificate in Management and Introductory Diploma in Management courses, which provide nationally recognised qualifications.

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