



UNIPART TO PARTNER IN £110M. TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR AEROSPACE SUPPLIERS

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A programme that will raise the capability of UK aerospace suppliers and protect and create at least 5,000 new jobs is seeking 40 UK companies to share in a £110 million training and development programme.

Sharing in Growth UK (SiG) has been created as an independent organisation to deliver a programme of intensive supplier development training. This will be focused on tackling barriers to growth, boosting exports and growing the number of high-value jobs in the UK's aerospace and associated high-value manufacturing sectors.

"Sharing in Growth is a bold and innovative programme that will provide unprecedented support to high value manufacturing companies that have the ambition and opportunity to accelerate their growth," said Bryan Jackson, chairman of Sharing in Growth UK. "We have created a meaningful programme designed by industry for industry which will help to create thousands of jobs in aerospace, an industry which is expected to double in size over the next 10 years and is an investment priority for UK Government."

The four-year programme provides leadership training for the management team and business improvement training for staff. It also includes tailored high-intensity development training covering areas such as Lean production, modern manufacturing and cost management. Ongoing support is then provided to ensure business improvements are sustained.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by email to info@sig-uk.org by no later than 6th December 2013. Additional information can be found at the website below.

SiG is part funded by a £50m grant from the UK Government's Regional Growth Fund established by the Department of Business Innovation & Skills. Rolls-Royce is also sponsoring the programme with support from specialists and leaders who can share their industry experience. Partners in Sharing in Growth include IfM Education and Consultancy Services, **Unipart Expert Practices**, Industry Forum, Alexander Mann Solutions, Global Integration and Inspire, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre and The National Physical Laboratory.

The ideal supplier would be looking to move from 'good to great' and would benefit from over £1m per company of grant-funded training to accelerate their growth.

For more information, visit the website: www.sig-uk.org