

**Technology Strategy Board awards AEA contract extension  
and additional work for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**

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The Technology Strategy Board has awarded AEA a contract extension for its work as Managing Agent for the flagship Knowledge Transfer Partnerships programme. AEA's role has been extended by an additional six months to March 2009.

In addition, AEA will be undertaking a number of additional tasks for the Technology Strategy Board in relation to Knowledge Transfer Partnerships programme, to be completed over the coming year. In total, this contract extension and additional programme activity has a value of £4.6m to AEA.

**About KTP**

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) is Europe's leading programme helping businesses to improve their competitiveness and productivity through the better use of knowledge, technology and skills that reside within the UK knowledge base.

KTP aims to:

- Facilitate the transfer of knowledge through projects undertaken by high calibre, recently qualified people under joint supervision from a company and an academic institution
- Provide company-based training for recently qualified people to enhance their business and specialist skills
- Stimulate and enhance business-relevant training and research undertaken by the academic institutions
- Increase the interaction between businesses and academic institutions, and awareness of the contribution academia can make to business development and growth

**About the Technology Strategy Board**

The Technology Strategy Board is a business-focused organisation dedicated to promoting technology-enabled innovation across the UK. Its vision is for the UK to be seen as a global leader in innovation and a magnet for technology-intensive companies, where new technology is applied rapidly and effectively to create wealth.

Established as an executive body at arm's length from Government in July 2007, the organisation is sponsored by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS).

The Technology Strategy Board invest in research and development; build partnerships between business, research and Government to address major societal challenges; and run a wide range of knowledge exchange programmes to help innovation flourish.

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In October 2007, AEA was voted by environmental consultancy customers across the UK, as Best Consultancy for Climate Change and Renewables at the prestigious EDIE Awards.

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