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ADR AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GLAMORGAN OFFER FAST, LOW-COST HANDS-ON PROCUREMENT QUALIFICATION

Procurement consultants ADR International have joined forces with one of Britain's leading universities to offer a unique new fast-track route to professional procurement qualifications.

The NVQ levels 3 and 4 qualifications in Supply Chain Management are delivered through workplace-based training including seminars, workshops, on-the-job training and mentoring.

The training can be completed within 18 months and will entitle successful candidates at level 4 to membership of the prestigious Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply and the letters MCIPS after their name.

The training is provided by ADR International, one of the longest-established procurement consultancies in the UK, in the workplace to groups of procurement professionals. The scheme is unique in that ADR is the only accredited organisation with highly experienced and qualified procurement professionals offering full workplace-based training leading to NVQ level 4 in Supply Chain Management.

ADR consultants have been trained by the University of Glamorgan as NVQ assessors, while the University, accredited by the examining body Edexcel as an assessment centre, supervises the qualification and its award to successful candidates.

The new route to professional qualifications is already being followed by 16 procurement professionals at NG Bailey, one of the UK's leading construction services companies.

ADR chairman Robin Jackson, one of the best-known and respected figures in the procurement world, said: “This new route to qualification means procurement people can benefit quickly from our experience and expertise while continuing to perform in their workplace, and at a very reasonable cost to their employer.

“At the end of the course they can gain MCIPS accreditation having completed high-quality training in all aspects of procurement and supply chain management., validated by the University of Glamorgan.

“We hope this will open up opportunities for many procurement professionals who would like to become properly qualified.”

Ian Heptinstall, Head of Procurement at NG Bailey, said: “The NVQ programme was a logical extension to the bespoke procurement training and development work we had done with ADR.

“The company gets the value from helping further embed procurement best practice across our business. Our team members get ongoing support and advice from one of ADR’s experienced consultants, and external recognition for the hard work they have put into the programme.”

David Quick, NVQ consultant at the University of Glamorgan, said: “This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to progress in the procurement field with the prospect of gaining a recognised qualification as a procurement professional.”

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About NVQs

Like other NVQs in a wide range of disciplines, the NVQs levels 3 and 4 in supply chain management are aimed at people in full-time employment. No formal entry qualifications are required, but candidates must be able to demonstrate competence against the standards selected.

NVQs in supply chain management are based on the National Occupation Standards in Supply Chain Management developed through consultation with UK organisations and their managers in the public, private and voluntary sectors. They embrace the key commercial areas of

□ procurement, purchasing, contract management and inventory or materials management. The

standards describe best practice in Supply Chain Management and set out what is expected of procurement professionals at work.

About ADR

ADR International is an experienced specialist purchasing consultancy, established in 1986. It applies its knowledge and expertise to help its clients improve every aspect of their purchasing activity. Using modern techniques and tools, together with traditional skills and strategy, ADR provides solutions that have a positive and lasting effect on their clients' organisations.

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