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RE: Freedom of Information request

Introduction

Thank you for your request dated 23rd August 2010 made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request is:

I should be grateful if you would provide details (name, address, telephone number, email address and whether contacted by a Business Link Advisor) of organisations employing staff in any sector ie businesses of any type, third (voluntary) sector and public organisations to whom your organisation or its agents (eg Business Link) has provided funding, advice or support to and that are based in London and or the south east of England in Excel Spreadsheet of CSV format as provided for under the Freedom of Information Act.

Information requested

SEEDA finance and project management systems do not record whether an organisation employs staff or not. Therefore we are unable to provide a full list of all employer organisations to which SEEDA has provided funding, advice or support without incurring costs in excess of the appropriate limit as set out in Schedule 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In response to previous Freedom of Information Act requests SEEDA has published lists of organisations with which we have worked on specific projects or which have received funding under specific programmes. Examples can be found on SEEDA's website under the Freedom of Information Disclosure Log: http://www.seeda.co.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/foi_disclosure_log. The published responses to Freedom of Information requests R00205, R00206, or R00214 may be of interest to you. I would suggest that you review our online disclosure log to find further related information. However, please be aware that the records do not distinguish whether an organisation employs staff or not.

It is important to note that SEEDA is unable to publish details about third parties, such as names of employees, addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses, unless the organisation has specifically permitted us to do so or when we are obliged to do so by law. Our policy, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, is to publish only the names of organisations in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.