

# Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board

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The Trustees of the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB), which includes CIWM and CIWEM, have considered for some time the proposal that an element of the financial reserves of WAMITAB should be transferred to a charity, already established by the Environmental Services Association (ESA), with parallel objectives with those of WAMITAB for education and training activities. In considering this proposal the Trustees/WAMITAB have consulted with interested parties and have also received positive and supporting advice from the Charity Commission, professional advisers and other independent sources. Accordingly at an EGM held on 15 February 2008 the Trustees and Members of WAMITAB agreed and passed resolutions to transfer, subject to certain conditions, £1m initially and £200,000 approximately one year later.

Roger Hewitt, Chairman of WAMITAB said, "this will provide both the industry and WAMITAB, as an awarding body, with considerable opportunities for expansion to meet the education, training and qualification needs of those employed in the industry". Lawrence Strong, WAMITAB's Director General said, "using some of WAMITAB's reserves in this manner is a way of investing in the development of skills and competence in the industry; it also provides the platform for WAMITAB to develop a wider range of awarding body services to meet the current and future needs of the industry".

WAMITAB will continue as an awarding body offering the Certificate of Technical Competence (CoTC) alongside other competence qualifications which will go live on 6 April 2008; these qualifications will be introduced by Defra/WAG as part of their Environmental Permitting Programme.

**Note:** The objects of WAMITAB are to advance education in the sciences of waste management and waste disposal (including waste contracting, processing, management, recycling and transportation) for the public benefit. WAMITAB is an independent awarding body in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and is a joint awarding body with SQA in Scotland.