



Peter Gent Cogent Sector Skills Council

Innovation

Competence

Productivity

Sustainability

Composites Sector in the South East

*Improving business performance through **skills** development*

Composites Sector in the SE

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Background

Recent Study has shown there are 170 organisations in Composites in the South East

Hampshire & Isle of Wight - Very Strong Sector

Vestas Blades UK, I of Wight
GKN Aerospace, I of Wight
Gurit Ltd, I of Wight
Vosper Thornycroft, Hampshire
Solent Composites, I of Wight (SME)
McLarens, Portsmouth
St Bernards's Composites, Hampshire



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I of Wight College

Employer Composite Forum meets every 3 Months.
Composites Training Facilities £250k recently spent.
Offer courses with modules in composites at NVQ12&3

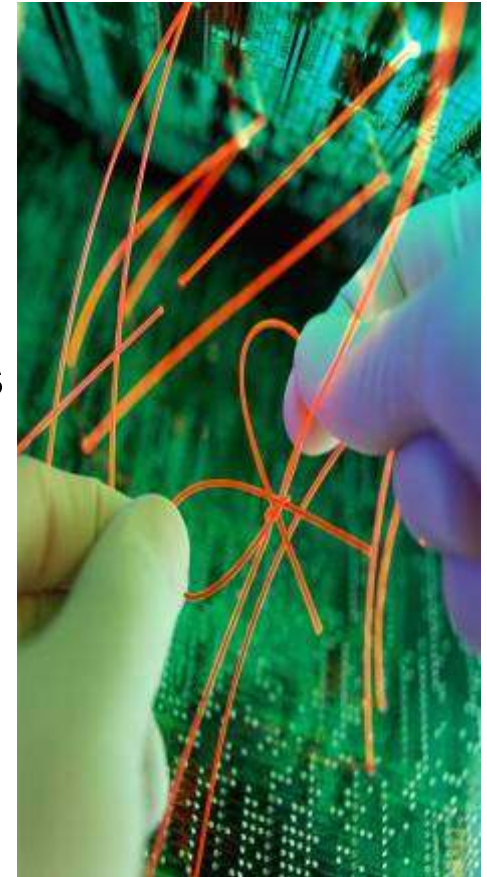
Southampton City College

Maritime Tech Centre has Composite Training Facilities
£275k recently spent on upgrading the facilities

Both colleges along with Eastleigh and Paragon are
part of The Marine CoVE

Both colleges do not do a unique composite course.

Composites covered by various modules up to L5



SEEDA Training Pools

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June 2006 SEEDA invited a variety of organisations to develop:

- Training Programmes to meet present needs not covered by existing FE / HE
- Address skill shortages in the South East at L3 and above
- Must help in developing for the region high quality high added value manufacturing
- Proposed 5 pools with initial funding of £200k per pool.



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Oct 06: Submitted a Expression of Interest

To develop a course leading to a certified qualification in Composite Technologies

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**The wight
College**

Working for Employers

Piloted from Southampton City & I of Wight Colleges prior to a rollout across the South East

Two year module programme

City
College
Southampton

Fully backed by employers quote *'we have been wanting a course of this type for years'*

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Dec 06: Submitted Full Proposal

Awarded Contract for the full sum
in January 2007.



Training Pool Project Development for L3 / L4 Composite Technologies

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Part 1 Feb to August 2007

- Project Management Cogent SSC
- Steering Group
- Technical Programme Development
- Programme materials Development
- University & awarding Body
- Professional Marketing



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Part 2 Sept 2007 to July 2009

- Programme delivery to 30 students, evaluation and effectiveness
- Accreditation with awarding body



Progression and Relationships

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