

Freedom of Information request – SEEDA contact with specific companies

Introduction

Thank you for your request dated 11th February 2011 and made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your request is:

- 1. Please confirm the amount (if any) paid under any grants, consultancies or contracts by your agency to the organisations listed below in the following financial years: 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 (part).*
- 2. Please confirm the subject matter of any grants, consultancies or contracts.*
- 3. Please confirm the extent of any links during 2010 between your agency and representatives of this group and provide copy notes of any meetings.*

Organisations:

- *Change Agents Network UK Limited (industrial and provident society registered no: IP030733)*
- *Change Agents UK Limited*
- *Change Agents GB CIC*

Information requested

In response to your request for information SEEDA has reviewed our records and that of key delivery bodies, such as Finance South East. Our responses to your individual questions are provided below.

1. I can confirm that we have found no records of any grants, consultancy contracts or other contracts for services having been awarded by SEEDA to these organisations during the period in question. We have also checked our Regional Customer Relationship Management System and can find no record of these organisations having accessed the regional Business Link service, which is funded by SEEDA and delivered by Serco.
2. Not applicable – please see above.
3. As explained in our previous responses, in terms of contacts between SEEDA and representatives of the organisations listed above, it is not possible to confirm with 100% certainty that there have been no contacts between any member of SEEDA and any representatives of the organisations in question. However we have reviewed the information available to us and contacted all our client-facing staff members to determine if they have any available records or knowledge of having any direct contact with the organisations in question during 2010. I can confirm that we have found no records of significant direct links with these organisations or details of any meetings at which they may have been attendees.