

ConstructionSkills Grant Scheme supported training through NSITG

An excellent opportunity not to be missed.

Following the success of short term Initiatives last year designed to stimulate training within the industry, the CITB-ConstructionSkills Board have approved **a further fund of £25,000** for the Natural Stone industry Training Group (NSITG) to provide **free short duration training** to members registered with ConstructionSkills up until 31st December 2013.

The NSITG has been invited to identify their members' training needs, apply for approval (if necessary), conduct the training and submit an application for payment with supporting evidence for reimbursement.

Can you afford to miss out on this no-strings free training offer?

Many courses are available through the National Construction College who have training centres nationwide, or, subject to negotiation and the numbers involved, the courses can be delivered at the employer's own premises. Alternatively members can arrange training with their local, regular training providers.

Some examples of the courses that benefitted several member companies last year were:

- 1 Day Health and Safety Awareness for new start operators
- 2 Day Site Supervisors' Safety Training Scheme (SSSTS) or 1 Day Refresher
- 5 Day Site Management Safety Training Scheme SMSTS or 2 Day Refresher
- 1 Day Directors' Responsibilities for Health and Safety
- 1 Day PASMA Mobile Access Towers
- 1 Day IPAF MEWP Boom and Scissor
- 1 Day Environmental Management Systems at Site Level
- 2 Day Site Sustainability Simplified
- 1 Day Waste Management on Site

However, the scope of training topics allowable under the scheme is very broad and for example, could be extended to cover Marketing as well as Management and Leadership.

We strongly recommend you consider how best to take advantage of this time-limited opportunity.

Decisions as to the allocation of the £25,000 will be made at the next NSITG Forum meeting on Wednesday 27th February – a meeting to which all members are entitled to send a representative.

So, if you want to take advantage of this offer please call Ian Major at StoneTrain on 07851 063938 or email ian.major@stonetrain.org.uk without delay.