

**SMALL BUSINESS TRADE ASSOCIATION FORUM**

**Meeting date: 15 January 2008**

**HSE TARGETING AND INTELLIGENCE PROJECT – SEEKING  
INTELLIGENCE FROM SBTAF**

**Issue**

1 HSE is reviewing its need for intelligence to improve the way inspections, seminars and other interventions are targeted. This paper asks SBTAF members to consider whether it would be possible to work with HSE's Field Operations Directorate (FOD) to help increase the amount of intelligence on small businesses or whether there are other ways of working in partnership to promote the health and safety message within new and 'hard to reach' sectors of industry

**Background**

2 HSE has recently reviewed the delivery of the HSC strategy as the 'Fine tuning' project and the 'Targeting and intelligence' project team is looking at possible sources of intelligence which could help HSE to plan and deliver its interventions more effectively. We are therefore approaching key stakeholders, including SBTAF, to explore possible ways of identifying new duty holders and promoting the importance of the management of workplace health and safety.

**Discussion**

3 The small business sector changes rapidly so maintaining intelligence about firms and their business activities is challenging. SBTAF is an important intermediary, which could enable HSE to improve its intelligence of small businesses

4 We would like to ask SBTAF's member organisations whether it would be feasible for them to share intelligence about their members with HSE.

5 SBTAF would be free to specify how HSE would use any intelligence provided, such as that it would not be used for inspection visits, but would be restricted to identifying the audience for seminars and similar events.

**Action invited**

6 Members are invited to consider whether it would be feasible to provide intelligence to assist FOD's planning and targeting, or whether it wishes to propose an alternative approach.

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