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Dear Member,

The deadline for sector employers to sign up to the Procurement Skills Accord for 2019/20 is approaching.

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- The Accord has stimulated a number of advances from the sector, including an increase in the percentage of the eligible workforce accessing technical training
- Last year, 56 companies from leaders in the gas, water, waste and power sectors signed up to the Accord
- The Accord requires signatories to adhere to [five audited commitments](#)

Sector employers are being encouraged to consider signing up to an initiative that has helped leading UK gas, power, water, waste and contractor companies drive investment in training and skills, in areas where the sector needs them most, through procurement processes. The deadline for new signatories to join the Procurement Skills Accord for 2019/2020 is **Monday 30 September 2019**.

The Procurement Skills Accord was created in response to the 2015 National Infrastructure Plan for Skills, as a mechanism to incentivise skills investment through procurement and engagement approaches that would provide appropriate incentives to retrain and up-skill the workforce to meet future skills demands. The energy and utilities sectors work to meet this challenge through the Procurement Skills Accord and it was recognised and welcomed by Her Majesty's Treasury and was one of the core initiatives identified within the [Workforce Renewal and Skills Strategy](#).

This year, through dialogue with the Accord Steering Group and industry through the Energy & Utilities Skills Partnership, the Achilles Utility Vendor Database (UVDB) has now introduced mandatory questions,

requiring potential suppliers to prove how they support investment in skills through the supply chain. Click [here](#) to find out more.

The Procurement Skills Accord has helped its signatories record their procurement process and culture to ensure that they are investing in the skills and training that the sector needs – within the asset owners and their supply chain companies.

Those outcomes include:

- 68% of Year 2 signatories achieved the Procurement Skills Accord Award
- 76% of relevant companies are embedding skills development into their procurement practices
- Over 80% of signatories would recommend others to join the Accord
- Last year, 15% of the operational and technical workforce received eligible training*

**training that meets the PSA Training Eligibility Criteria*

Sign Up

Initial enquiries on how to sign up to the Procurement Skills Accord can be made via Rebecca.Clay@euskills.co.uk.

For more, visit the [Skills Accord page](#) on the Energy & Utility Skills website.



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