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Australia embraces Partnership Brokering for Global Sustainable Development

Australian firm scores license for international Global Partnership program

Dixon Partnership Solutions, a leader in brokering multi sector partnerships between business, government and community has been awarded the license to conduct the Partnership Brokers Accreditation Scheme, an international partnership training program, for the Australasia and South East Asian Regions.

This need for high level partnership brokering skills was reinforced at the Business for Millennium Development Summit (B4MD) held in Melbourne recently and the Partnership Brokers Accreditation Scheme (PBAS) will provide key support for business engaging in these new forms of partnerships.

The license has been awarded to run PBAS, an internationally recognized program of the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

Licensing of this program to DIXON Partnership Solutions will expand the reach of the course and enable easier access for people wishing to acquire skills in this new and developing discipline, which will be so critical for future development in this region.

The program was developed as a response to the global move to cross sector partnerships for sustainable development resulting from the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 and later at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

To date some 17 programs have been conducted globally with participants drawn from a range of organizations from each of the sectors, such as ANZ, bp, Chevron, Nike, Rio Tinto, BHP, Shell International, CARE International, Marie Stopes International, World Vision, Save the Children, AUSAID and many more.

Adrian Hodges, Managing Director of IBLF said "This is an exciting step for IBLF and ODI as this is our first global licencing arrangement and we are excited about the possibilities of how Dixon Partnership Solutions can share what we have learnt over 18 years of partnering"

Ian Dixon, Principal of DIXON Partnership Solutions said "We are very pleased that IBLF has awarded us the license to conduct this program for this region and look forward to making a significant contribution to sustainable development initiatives in the coming years"

The first PBAS Training Program under the new licence arrangement is scheduled from the 3 to 8 May 2009, at Mandurah just South of Perth, WA.

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