



Through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), CPSISC has been funded to undertake a project which aims to 'identify barriers that are presently hindering the national implementation of Certificate IV and other training pathways beyond BCP3 in plumbing and other related services'. CPSISC has contracted the consulting firm Altegis Group to manage the project. The Steering Group has broad industry representation and its membership can be viewed on this website. Interviews have been conducted with a number of industry and educational representatives and forums have now commenced.

Forums

Forums for this project have now been held in **Sydney** on 24 March at Gynea TAFE; **Perth** on 8 April 2009 at the WACA; **Melbourne** 22 April 2009 at the Treacey Centre; and **Brisbane** on 27 April 2009 at Skillstech, Acacia Ridge. The final forum will be held in **Adelaide** on 29 May 2009 at Regency TAFE. There has been excellent attendance at all forums with strong contributions from all sectors of the industry.

Report

The National Status Report has now been completed and will be forwarded to CPSISC and DEEWR within the next week. This report examines the current status of training delivery above Certificate III across the country.

Surveys

A national survey will be sent to employers, apprentices and RTOs over the next month to gather data on the training needs and training gaps of the various plumbing trade occupations beyond registration and licensing.

Steering Committee

The second Steering Committee meeting was held at Randwick TAFE on 14 May 2009. The meeting was opened by the Director of Randwick TAFE, Ms. Carmel Ellis-Gulli, who acknowledged the importance of the project for the industry and who discussed the ongoing efforts being made by her College in building stronger relationships with employers.

Next steps

Anyone wishing to contribute to the project should contact Tim Powers on 03 5221 2191 or Jude Walker on 03 5263 2514.

