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LAST CALL FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR BWF MEMBERS

A special grant for smaller company members of the BWF (British Woodworking Federation) to help develop their management skills is getting close to its deadline of 31 October. The grant, from the ConstructionSkills Management & Supervisory Development Programme, has been secured by the BWF's WITForum to help members with the cost of achieving ISO 9001 or Chain of Custody certification through the Federation's Total Support Services. It will cover the consultancy fees involved in achieving these systems, representing a saving of almost 50% of the total cost. Interested member companies should move fast to make the most of this opportunity.

Total Support Services are part of the BWF's commitment to providing members with both the technical and business consultancy advice they need to run successful and profitable companies. They are designed to cut through the baffling data which surrounds certification and standards, particularly for smaller businesses for whom the process may be daunting. Many members have already applied for the grant funding, taking this great opportunity to improve their businesses.

BWF chief executive Richard Lambert urges members to get their applications in before the deadline. "This really is a great opportunity which has even attracted companies to think about joining the BWF" he says. "The award of this grant funding to the BWF represents a huge vote of confidence in our work and in our members. As this is a time limited offer, it is a genuine case of apply now, to avoid disappointment!"

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Total Support Services are available to non-members as a commercial venture for the BWF. Covering broader issues such as Health & Safety Auditing, ISO14001 and Insurance for a wide range of industries, they provide a simple one stop shop and cost effective service.

Details of the grant for BWF members and Total Support Services are available on the BWF website www.bwf.org.uk or on 0870 458 6952.

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