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SEMTA's aim is to raise skills levels and competitiveness



skills at the right time. ETC/SEMTA researches skills needs, and in line with these, develops standards, qualifications and apprenticeship frameworks.

ETC/SEMTA works with government to influence skills policy and access funding with the objective of ensuring that training meets employer needs and links their business objectives to skills development.

ETC/SEMTA also works with training providers to ensure there is sufficient capacity of quality training to meet employer demands.

In order to help our sectors in Northern Ireland, ETC has established two wholly owned subsidiary companies, ETC Awards Ltd and Engineering Training Services (ETS).

ETC Awards provides a targeted cost effective service for the award of competence based vocational qualifications exclusively to the engineering manufacture sector in Northern Ireland.

ETS is responsible for the development and implementation of engineering apprenticeships. Proactive promotion and recruitment followed by continuous support for both employer and apprentice has ensured the continuing success of this apprenticeship programme.

SEMTA's responsibility as a sector skills council is to articulate



Bill Brown, Chief executive of the Engineering Training Council pictured with last year's Maintenance Apprentice of the Year winner Clare Jameson from Translink

employers' needs to local government. Key sectoral requirements are noted in the Sector Skills Agreement (SSA) which puts employers views at the heart of the

skills agenda. The SSA indicates that development in management and leadership, productivity and competitiveness, workforce development and workforce plan-

ning and recruitment are imperative for success and growth in our sector.

Ultimately SEMTA supports UK businesses to achieve global com-

petitiveness through investment in skills.

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SEMTA is the Sector Skills Council for Science, Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies in the UK. The sectors represented include Aerospace, Automotive, Bioscience, Electronics, Marine and Mechanical and Metals and SEMTA has the overarching aim to continue to raise the skills levels and competitiveness of these sectors.

In Northern Ireland the Engineering Training Council, ETC, represents the interests on SEMTA. ETC is the long established representative organisation dedicated to supporting the local engineering industry by coordinating training and learning opportunities for new entrants and the existing workforce via the development and enhancement of workforce skills.

ETC/SEMTA has a key objective to ensure that throughout Northern Ireland its employers have the right people with the right