

**NEWS RELEASE** SLB – PR0513 - 24.11.2005  
FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

**South London Business Works Smarter with NVQ Success.**

South London Business is leading by example with its recently launched 'Work Smarter' initiative after staff member Julie Leggatt successfully completed her NVQ Level 2 in Business Administration. Launched in August 2005, 'Work Smarter' has been developed to encourage businesses to invest in staff training. South London Business chief executive, David Main, said "As businesses grow the demands placed on staff will change and grow too. To keep ahead of the competition it is vital that the staff a company employs have the right skills to move the business forward. Training does not have to be expensive or time consuming. 'Work Smarter' offers advice on training that can vary from a ninety-minute 'master class', that could be run within the business's own premises, through to a full NVQ qualification".

Julie Leggatt joined South London Business in August 2004, during which time her role has grown from office administrator to P.A. to director of operations, Susan Shaw. Main added "The skills Julie has acquired through her NVQ training have helped her manage her new responsibilities and she fulfils a key role in our administrative team. I would like to congratulate Julie on her success".

Julie said "To complete the course I had to pass nine units on topics such as Health and Safety, Teamwork and Event Management. The skills I have learnt on the course have really helped me become more confident and effective at work. I am very proud of myself, and very grateful to South London Business for investing in me and giving me the opportunity to achieve this qualification".

The 'Work Smarter' initiative is managed by South London Business and delivered in Bromley, Croydon, Sutton and Wandsworth by Business Focus and in Merton, Kingston, Richmond and Wandsworth by southlondon.biz. Work Smarter is co-financed by the London South LSC and the European Social Fund, and managed by South London Business.

---End---

(319 Words)

For further information, contact: Ross Feeney, Communications Manager, South London Business - 020 8256 1281

**Photo Attached:** NVQ Success.jpg – (left of photo - Susan Shaw, Director of Operations. Right of photo – Julie Leggatt – PA to Susan Shaw)

**Notes to Editors:**

**South London Business** is the voice of business in South London – providing both political and practical support

- Lobbies pan-London bodies to represent and promote South London's business interests.
- Acts as the official 'landing net' for new investment in South London and in 2002 has worked with an estimated 500 companies to attract new investment into South London.
- Works with key South London businesses to ensure they remain here and prosper.
- Seeks to create a greater sense of cohesion, unity and identity in South London.

**London South LSC** - The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for planning and funding high-quality vocational education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to world-class standards. Our vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have the knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive

