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Hedra plc is the first management consultancy to receive the c2e Accreditation

Hedra plc, a leading management consulting, solutions and service company, today announced it has become the first management consultancy to be awarded the national accreditation in recognition of its commitment to fairness and equality in the workplace.

Hedra was awarded the gold standard in the Commitment 2 Equality (c2e) accreditation assessment for its achievements and dedication in its policy of fairness and equality for everyone it encounters. The assessment particularly took into account the firm's HR and recruitment processes, employment practices, and its commitment to raising and building awareness around diversity issues. The award endorses Hedra's commitment to equal opportunities and enhances the firm's position as a preferred employer and supplier.

To achieve the accreditation a c2e advisor visited Hedra to review and audit its equality and diversity procedures. The programme took approximately six weeks to complete and required adherence to a step by step programme devised by Commitment 2 Equality. Once the audit had taken place, Hedra was soon contacted to confirm they had achieved not only the Commitment 2 Equality accreditation, but also the highest accolade – the gold standard award.

The c2e accreditation has already been adopted by local government. C2E is a non-profit making body, established in 2004 which aids, confirms and recognises commitment to equality and diversity by providing advisors to work with an organisation to adopt an appropriate good practice change model for diversity.

Liz Archbold, Director of Human Resources, Hedra, said: "We are delighted that not only have we achieved a gold standard but we are also the first management consultancy to receive this accreditation. Hedra is proud to be committed to equal opportunities. We fully appreciate our obligations to meet all the legal requirements placed upon us. Beyond that we strive to create a working environment that reflects the diversity of the community within which we live and work. The accreditation reaffirms our dedication to equality, ensuring that it is presented within our work environment."

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Arthur Laflin, Commitment 2 Equality said: "Hedra is the first management consultancy to gain c2e accreditation and we are pleased to have been able to award them the gold standard. They have shown real commitment to equality and it is a deserved accreditation."

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About Committed to Equality

Committed 2 Equality (c2e) is a not for profit organisation. In three years time, it hopes to have 60-80,000 Small and Medium Enterprises and 3,000 large organisations Committed2Equality in the UK.

C2e works with public sector and health care services as well as manufacturing, construction, retail and wholesale organisations.

C2e supports organisations in the development of their equality policy.

About Hedra plc

Hedra plc is a leading consulting, solutions and service company. We are the largest consultancy specialising in UK public services, with a significant private sector capability. Our clients include central government, local government, NHS, Ministry of Defence, aerospace, transport, utilities and energy and a wide range of public service agencies. Our capabilities include business change and transformation, customer services, corporate services, procurement and supply chain, information management and systems engineering services. We help organisations to set corporate direction, build their organisational capacity and deliver solutions that drive effectiveness and efficiency. Our commitment is to deliver outcomes and benefits that drive superior performance.

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