Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC), United Arab Emirates

Abu Dhabi Vocational Education and Training Institute

**Background:**

- The Abu Dhabi Emirate, through the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC), is embarking on a revitalization of the vocational education and training sector.
- One of the key drivers is 'Emiratisation'; the broadening of employment opportunities for Emiratis and an investment in the education of its young people so there will be less reliance on foreign labour.
- The vocational education and training sector is seen as a vital component in the diversification of Abu Dhabi’s economy, with less reliance on oil and gas products and greater emphasis on service industries.
- TAFE NSW, recognised as a world leader in vocational education and training, has responded to an invitation from ADEC to provide their expertise on a fee for service basis.

**The Project:**

ADEC has engaged the services of TAFE NSW through DET International to help establish Abu Dhabi’s first vocational and technical education institute. The institute will be fully funded and owned by ADEC.

TAFE NSW will provide the following services over the first year of operation:

- Develop a five year strategic plan and implement a Business Plan for the first year of operation.
- Plan and implement a management structure, program of study, and a process for accreditation and certification.
- Establish programs in the following key industry areas:
  - Information Technology
  - Design
  - Paralegal Studies
  - Project Management
  - Property Management & Marketing.
- Consult with industry to ensure curriculum development meets industry standards.
- Coordinate the first intake of 400 students (September 2007).
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the institute under the governance of an Abu Dhabi Management Board.
- The institute will commence operations in September 2007.

**Quick Facts**

- ADEC to establish vocational education & training institute in Abu Dhabi.
- TAFE NSW to help develop five year strategic plan and business plan.
- First student intake of 400 in September 2007.