**Meeting with Sharon Smith, Construction Skills QLD. 9.00 am Tuesday 28th Sept 2010**

Sharon provided a detailed overview of the construction industry both in the region and in Brisbane north as well.

She mentioned a number of contacts who could be of some assistance in the employment of apprentices .

Craig Adfield, Leightons in Fortitude Valley

ADCO constructions deal mainly with sub contractors, so are not a large employer per se.

ABBEY Group, have approx 200 apprentices

Northpoint…how to engage unemployed/disengaged. (Not clear on this point Sharon.)

Wally Simco (Jobs over $100M and Chris Price. Sharon has agreed to meet with these contacts during the next 2 weeks, seeking their advice and co-operation to assist with the set up of the partnership, in terms of providing industry advice, and apprenticeships. They may also have the capacity to support the partnerships in other ways, perhaps financially.

The ‘Doorways to Construction program is mentored by Glen Carey and overviews Certificate I in General Construction. It involves 160 hours of time in the industry across all trades. However, there is a perceived problem re the quality of some of the students completing the certificate.

Hutchinsons run their own school program and take ‘Doorways’ students (Caboolture & Morayfield students). Glenn Carey is currently seeking 12 students to take up positions as apprentices.

Sharon will arrange a meeting with Wally Simco and Chris Price who will provide information regarding the industries and contractors we should deal with in the first instance.

CSQ can identify the correct people within the industry and will become a partner to the partnership.

Meeting closed 9.50am.

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