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Calling all consultants

London property professionals to provide free consultancy to charities

Registered charities will be able to get free property and construction consultancy with the launch of a new scheme aimed at encouraging and facilitating corporate social responsibility (CSR) amongst surveyors, architects, engineers and other property related consultants.

Property Advice for London will provide a match-making service for London-based charities to access specialist property expertise from established providers on everything from refurbishments and leasing to relocation and service charges.

The scheme will be run by CIC London (Construction Industry Council) and RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) who will ensure that charity clients are matched with companies with the right experience, expertise and resources to provide answers to often complex property questions.

Mark van den Berg, chairman of CIC London and director of Northcroft Construction Consultants, said:

“It is interesting to chart the journey of CSR as a business issue. What may once have been perceived as an inconvenient luxury is rapidly becoming an essential business activity and demand for this scheme has been driven by property consultants as much as the potential beneficiaries.

Charities increasingly recognise how the right property strategy is central to business success and Property Advice for London will provide them with professional property advice and guidance that would otherwise be expensive and difficult to access.”

The scheme is being sponsored by Barclays Bank and a launch event will be held at the bank’s headquarters in Canary Wharf, London, on 22 May. To register for attendance please contact Janette Welton, CIC London Regional Coordinator on 020 7399 7404 or email jwelton@cic.org.uk

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Notes for editors:

If you would like to attend the launch event on 22 May as a potential client, service provider or member of the media, please contact Janette Welton, CIC London Regional Coordinator, Tel: 020 7399 7404, Email: jwelton@cic.org.uk . For security reasons all attendees must pre-register.

About CIC

CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

About RICS

RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) is the mark of property professionalism worldwide and a member of CIC. It covers all aspects of property, construction and associated environmental issues. RICS has 120,000 members globally and represents, regulates and promotes the work of property professionals throughout 120 countries. RICS is governed by a Royal Charter approved by Parliament which requires it to act in the public interest.

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