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The Bio-Analysis Centre

EnterprisePlus Training Vouchers – helping The Bio-Analysis Centre become GLP compliant.

The Bio-Analysis Centre is a small, contract research company based at the London Bioscience Innovation Centre which provides high quality analytical services as well as assistance in identifying and quantifying analytes. The company became a member of EnterprisePlus in late 2014 and has since made use of the training vouchers scheme, which provides up to £1000 in funding for training courses.

Dr Carolyn Hyde, Manager at the Bio-Analysis Centre, tells us how her recent training voucher enabled her to attend a course by the Research Quality Association in Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) for Study Directors, Principal Investigators, Study Staff and Management:

"This training is essential if we are to become GLP compliant, something which will make us stand out as a new contract research company. The Enterprise Plus training vouchers scheme was very useful and helpful as it allowed me to attend the course."

Obtaining GLP compliance is difficult and can be slow, and SMEs often do not have the expertise and resources to navigate the application process. The benefits of compliance for a contract research company, however, are great and Carolyn explains how the training course has directly impacted her business:

"I have a more in-depth knowledge of GLP and this has meant we are 95% of the way to compliance. The work we can undertake has changed, as has the price we can charge for it."

As well as improving the Bio-Analysis Centre's business scope, Carolyn's training has added to her personal professional development and has increased her colleagues' awareness of GLP compliance. It has also encouraged follow-on training for the company:

"The course helped develop my current role and has allowed me to explain to others the advantages of having compliance in our industry. Refresher courses are required every two years to keep up-to-date with any regulatory changes. In the future, I would also consider additional training in Quality Assurance."

The EnterprisePlus Training Vouchers scheme has supported the Bio-Analysis Centre in its aim to become GLP compliant, and in turn, has enabled the company to expand its business opportunities and gain higher revenue for its work. It has also given Carolyn access to professional development that will be beneficial to her personal career progression.

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