LSC LAUNCHES COLLEGE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2008

- Deadline for entries is 30th May
- Entries to: collegefinancedirector0708@lsc.gov.uk

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The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) is calling for nominations for its College Finance Director of the Year Award 2007/08. The award promotes excellence and good practice in the Further Education (FE) sector and recognises and celebrates the achievements of individual College Finance Directors.

Nominations of up to 500 words are invited from Principals and Finance Directors who want to nominate a colleague or peer in another college. Nominations should highlight how the College Finance Director has contributed to the corporate success of the college. All nominations should be sent to collegefinancedirector0708@lsc.gov.uk by 30 May 2008 and the winner will be announced in June 2008.

Richard Healey, the LSC’s Director of Finance and chairman of the judging panel, said:

“Finance skills are vital to the success of any college and to the FE sector as a whole. The award recognises and celebrates the strategic influence that good Finance Directors can have in ensuring the success of their colleges. This is the fourth year that we’ve run the award and I’m really looking forward to the challenge of reviewing the nominations.”

Julian Gravatt, Director of Funding and Development at the Association of Colleges (AoC), said:

“College Finance Directors have one of the toughest finance jobs in the public sector. This award recognises the achievements of outstanding individuals in this role.”

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Notes to editors

Learning and Skills Council:
The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We are responsible for planning and funding high-quality vocational education and training for everyone. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England’s young people and adults to world class standards. Our vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have the
knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce. Established in 2001, we work nationally, regionally and locally from a network of offices across the country.

**College Finance Director of the Year Awards 2008:**

1. **Feedback**
   Feedback from last year’s process suggests that nominations from more than one principal or fellow finance director can add weight to nominations.

2. **Last year’s winner**
   The winner of the College Finance Director Award for 2007 was Stephen Criddle at South Devon College.

3. **Quotes about last year’s nominated finance directors included:**
   “He has driven the financial strategy, dealing with banks, contractors, consultants and lawyers to ensure that value for money was achieved, but, more importantly, that ways were found to support the creation of what ministers describe as a worldclass campus that has exceeded the expectations of learners and the communities served by the college.”

   “She has ensured that effective financial management is at the heart of college business processes and decision making.”

   “He has played an integral part in the financial and academic turnaround of the College’s fortunes, giving the College both strategic direction and increased commercial focus.”

   “He has played a crucial role in the college's strategic development.”

4. **How do I nominate?**
   Nomination forms can be downloaded by clicking the link – [Finance Director of the Year](http://www.aoc.co.uk) and the Association of Colleges website ([www.aoc.co.uk](http://www.aoc.co.uk)). Entries must be received by 17.00 on 30 May 2008. Please submit your entry by email to CollegeFinanceDirector0708@lsc.gov.uk.

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