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Welcome to the BEIS Bulletin from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Here's the latest news from BEIS:

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**Prime Minister and Business Secretary visit Nissan’s Sunderland plant as Nissan and Envision announce new £1 billion investment**

The announcement represents a major expansion of electric vehicle production at Nissan’s Sunderland plant, as well as a huge boost to the country's automotive industry.

As part of the investment, Nissan will build a battery "gigafactory" and a new electric car model at the plant. More than 1,600 jobs will be created in Sunderland, with an additional 4,500 more jobs estimated in the supply chain. [Find out more](#)
New subsidy system to support UK jobs and businesses, boost the economy and strengthen the union

The new Subsidy Control Bill was introduced to Parliament on 20 June setting out the UK’s new subsidy control system following the UK’s departure from the European Union. The Bill will allow the UK to create a new system for subsidies that can enable key domestic priorities, such as levelling up economic growth across the UK and driving our green industrial revolution.

Find out more about the measures in the Subsidy Control Bill by reading the policy papers.

Promote the Help to Grow: Management scheme to SMEs in your network

The Help to Grow: Management scheme is a new executive training programme delivered by the UK’s leading business schools. It will provide senior leaders at SMEs across the country with support, training and mentoring.

The first course went live on June 28 and to mark this we have expanded our stakeholder toolkit, which contains content you can use to help promote the scheme to SMEs in your network. Further information can also be found on the campaign page.

Business Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng hosted a panel event on how SME’s can innovate, grow and drive the recovery on 23 June. Watch the discussion.

End to coal power brought forward to October 2024

The deadline to phase out coal from Great Britain’s energy system has been brought forward by a whole year, highlighting the UK’s leadership to drive down emissions and tackle climate change.

From 1 October 2024, Great Britain will no longer use coal to generate electricity. The move is part of ambitious government commitments to transition away from fossil fuels and decarbonise the power sector by 2050. Find out more.
Employers - find out how you can get involved in the Kickstart scheme

Through the scheme, the Government will fund new jobs for 16-24 year olds on Universal Credit. Businesses can read DWP's new employer prospectus or attend one of their employer webinars to find out more and can apply to participate at gov.uk/kickstart.

A new communications toolkit suggest ways you can help promote the Kickstart scheme.

Minister Scully visits Harvest London vertical farm

The Small Business Minister saw how Harvest London are providing fresh, reliable, sustainable ingredients for the food industry. Harvest London has signed the SME Climate Commitment. The campaign encourages small and micro businesses to commit to cutting their emissions in half by 2030 and to net zero by 2050 or sooner through the new UK Business Climate Hub.

Small businesses can use the hub to find practical tools, resources and advice to understand their emissions and develop a plan to tackle them, as well as providing ideas for steps they can take. You can help support the campaign by sharing information from the stakeholder toolkit with the SMEs you work with.

Other news:

- 50 million infrastructure upgrade to cement UK’s status as science superpower
- New online tool to help working families make the most of shared parental leave
- New funding to support UK professional and business services regulators
- Jet Zero Council keeps up momentum with 3 million government funding for zero emission flight infrastructure as UK pioneers first-ever net zero carbon freighter flights
- Check out our stakeholder toolkit, developed to support efforts to raise awareness amongst UK manufacturers of the new UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking

Useful links:

- Latest BEIS news and announcements
- Coronavirus restrictions: what you can and cannot do in England. See specific guidance for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure
• Read the roadmap: what is changing and when
• Support for businesses and self-employed people during coronavirus
• See all coronavirus guidance on GOV.UK
• Use the Brexit checker to get a personalised list of actions for you, your business and your family
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