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To: All Members of SEEC
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Dear Colleagues,

INVITATION TO JOIN SEERA LTD

Back in August I wrote inviting your local authority to join SEERA Ltd, but so far we haven't received an application from you. This is to let you know that there is still time to join and attend the AGM on 16th October - this will be held after the Leaders' Board and SEEC Executive meetings at the Institute of Materials in London.

SEERA Ltd is a company which is limited by guarantee and the maximum liability of any local authority is £1 - the cost of membership. It was originally set up to manage the finances of the Regional Assembly, but it is now wholly owned by local authorities in the South East and the link with the Assembly was removed last year. The company does hold substantial reserves which can be used 'to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of all who live and work in the South East of England' and is currently the 'accountable body' for the funding received from CLG to cover the cost of work.

Currently the Directors are myself, Louise Bloom, Tony Page and Diana Pogson (Executive Director). It has been agreed in the revised Articles of Association (copy attached) that the number of Directors will be increased to six with effect from the AGM in October. Overall the six local authority Directors should represent political proportionality and all tiers of local government in the region. This year the remaining three directors will be elected from the Conservative Group. All directors must be an elected Member of a local

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authority which has joined SEERA Ltd and also be a member of SEEC Executive. The upside is considerable and liability is limited to £1 !!

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If your local authority would like to join SEERA Ltd, please send a completed application form to:-

Diana Pogson
Interim Managing Director
South East England Partnership Board
Berkeley House
Cross Lanes
Guildford
Surrey GUI IUN

Diana is happy to accept the application fee of £1 in cash at the AGM. If you have any further queries, please contact Diana at:
dianapogson@se-partnershipboard.org.uk

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Paul Carter
Chairman, South East England Councils