ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

UNIT CODE: CON/CU/BUT/BC/03/5

Duration of unit: 70 HOURS

Relationship to occupational standards

This unit addresses the unit of competency: Apply entrepreneurial skills

Unit description

This unit describes competency required for a Building Technician to demonstrate entrepreneurial aptitudes. It involves, developing business innovation strategies, developing new markets, customer base, expanding employed capital and undertaking regional/county expansion while retaining motivated staff.

Summary of Learning Outcomes

- 1. To develop business innovation strategies
- 2. To develop new products/ markets and Marketing techniques
- 3. To expand customers and product lines
- 4. To motivate all staff/workers
- 5. To expand employed capital base
- 6. To undertake regional/county business expansion

Learning Outcomes, Content and Suggested Assessment Methods

Learning Outcome			Content			Suggested Assessment			
								M	ethods
1.	Develop	business	•	Innovation	in busir	ness		•	Observation
	Innovation stra	tegies	•	Business in	novatio	n strategies		•	Case studies
			•	Creativity f	or busir	ness developi	ment	•	Individual/group
			•	New	techno	ologies	in		assignments
				entrepreneu	rship			•	projects
			•	Linkages w	ith othe	r entrepreneu	ırs	•	Written
			•	Setting stra	tegic di	rections		•	Oral
			•	New ideas a	and app	roaches			
			•	Entrepreneu	ırial ski	lls developm	ent		
			•	Market trends					
			•	• Monitoring and anticipating market					
				trends		-			
			•	Products	and	processes	in		

Learning Outcome	Content	Suggested Assessment Methods	
	 entrepreneurship Business conventions and exhibitions 	Methods	
2. Develop new products/ markets and Marketing techniques	 Business growth refocus Feasibility study for new products Identifying new sources of raw material and resources New target markets/customers Increasing products and services Marketing improvement Intrapreneurship and business growth 	 Observation Case studies Individual/group assignments projects Written Oral 	
3. Expand customers and product lines	 Market demand Regulatory environment Creating product and services competitive advantages Creating loyal client base Identifying and maintain new customers and markets Advance product/ service promotions Advance market expansion Small business records management Book keeping and auditing for small businesses Computer application software and programmes 	 Oral Observation Case studies Individual/group assignments projects Written 	
4. Motivate staff/workers	 ICT in customer and product diversification Motivation of workers Communication at workplace for motivation purpose Problem solving Conflict resolution at place of work Good relation between staff or workers Team building and team work Staff development and 	 Observation Case studies Individual/group assignments projects Written 	

Learning Outcome			Content	Suggested Assessment	
				Methods	
			enhancement		
			• Culture of continuous improvement		
5.	Expand	employed	• Employed capital in business	Observation	
	capital base		Business share holdings	Case studies	
			• Types of shares	 Individual/group 	
			Shares diversification	assignments	
			• Role of shareholders	 projects 	
			• Intrapreneurship	• Written	
			 Increasing products and services 	• Oral	
6.	Undertake	county/	• Region/ county identification	Observation	
	regional	business	process	Case studies	
	expansion		• Regional/ county laws and	 Individual/group 	
			regulation	assignments	
			Business regional/county expansion	 projects 	
			• Regional/ County business	• Written	
			expansion	• Oral	
			 Innovation in business 		
			• Business expansion and		
			diversification		
			• Resources for regional/county		
			expansion		
			Small business Strategic Plan		
			• Computer software in business		
			development		
			• ICT and business growth		

Suggested Methods of Instruction

- Theory sessions led by the Instructor in class
- Group and individual learning activities
- Practical demonstration of task by trainer
- Practical sessions for trainees
- Role play
- Site visits/benchmarks
- Simulation
- Project/research assignments
- Intervention of external speakers

Recommended Resources for 25 Trainees

- 25 mobile phones
- 25 Laptop/ desktop computers
- 2 Projectors
- Writing materials
- 25 Case studies for small businesses
- 5 Business plan templates
- Internet
- Relevant textbooks and eBooks
- 5 business Journals
- 10 Magazines
- 5 Training manuals
- 5 Case studies

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