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Inverness College brings economic boost to Highlands

The Non-Profit Distributing (NPD) programme was developed as an alternative to, and has since replaced the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) model in Scotland, where it is being used to fund large projects across three sectors – transport, health and further education.

SFT has managed the introduction of the NPD programme into the further education sector where it has been used for the very first time for the construction of three colleges in Glasgow, Kilmarnock and Inverness.

Having been funded through the NPD programme, construction of the £45m Inverness College could start much sooner. This in turn allowed the College to open in August 2015 and it is now home to over 7,000 students from Scotland, the rest of the UK, Europe and further afield.

Whilst the College is making a positive impact on students' future career paths, it is also supporting the economy. The College is the anchor organisation on the Inverness Campus, which is a strategic business park developed by Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) situated on the outskirts of the City.

As well as having the very best teaching facilities, the College boasts the latest computer technology as well as a first-class research centre and is expert in designing and delivering education, training and development programmes which is helping attract businesses across a wide range of sectors to locate to the Campus.



Inverness College anchor tenant on Inverness Campus



NPD programme allowed construction to start in a record 17 months after procurement notice published