

Dear President,
Dear Friend,

The OPCA Bâtiment, a fund collecting body for adult vocational training in the building sector for employees working in companies employing 10 people or more, supports WorldSkills France in its mission to promote skills development and vocational training for youth.

Indeed, the mission of OPCA Bâtiment is to collect, manage and distribute the vocational training funds of its member companies, a mission that is part of the general issues facing the building sector.

OPCA Bâtiment effectively mobilizes its resources for access to training via different mechanisms, training plans, professionalization contract,...

Its work is supported in each region by the AREF-BTP, whose role is on one hand to inform and advise companies and employees, and on the other hand, to educate and fund training.

This synergy and common will shared by both structures are part of the same pattern of relevance and effectiveness for the future.

The bid of Paris to host the 2013 WorldSkills Competition in Ile-de-France is a unique promise of openness and experiences, which is a source of wealth for those involved in vocational education.

This will be an open forum for policy makers around the world to meet with colleagues, experts and representatives of international companies; vocational training will be at the heart of the debate. Its needs and all proposals concerning it, its qualifying aspects, the skills potential it has to renew, as well as the absolute necessity of including it in a discussion concerning the dimension of sustainable development will be confronted there.

In addition, this competition will enable our organization to test and compare the French vocational education system with other countries, and thus confirm that our strategies for education and training meet the economic, commercial and environmental demands of France and Europe.

It is for all these reasons that we are happy to provide the total support of POCA Bâtiment to this bid, and are of course putting our whole national network at your disposal to relay it in the country.

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