

Reaping the rewards of sustainability

After the introduction of new energy efficiency regulations in the 1990s, Adrian Wright recognised the opportunity to conduct energy audits for housing agencies and local authorities.

His company Enact Energy soon expanded to offer funding for energy related projects, as well as the design of energy saving systems. One of Enact's most successful initiatives was the Heat Project, which helped 40 local authorities and thousands of householders become more energy efficient, saving over £10 million.

Workforce

Enact has 12 employees, but with their turnover doubling each year, they expect take on more soon. The company works closely with Enviroskills South West and they received grant funding from the European Social Fund to provide training for their staff. "In terms of staff development, the subsidised training available in Cornwall has been very helpful to us," explains Wright.



Clients

As well as benefiting numerous local authorities and individual householders throughout the UK, Enact also provides consultancy and energy efficiency management services to utilities companies.

Technology

Enact's software subsidiary Envirosoft has developed an award winning application called Energy Profiler. This calculates total energy usage, costs and emissions for buildings and heating systems, and matches these against various ratings.

The company headquarters at Tolvaddon Energy Park near Redruth is built with ecologically friendly materials and is heated by geothermal energy.

Wright says: "Cornwall is now seen as a flagship county in terms of environmental best practice, and people in the industry are well aware of the strong skills base down here."

