

Railway Strategies Conference

23rd June 2010



Headlines

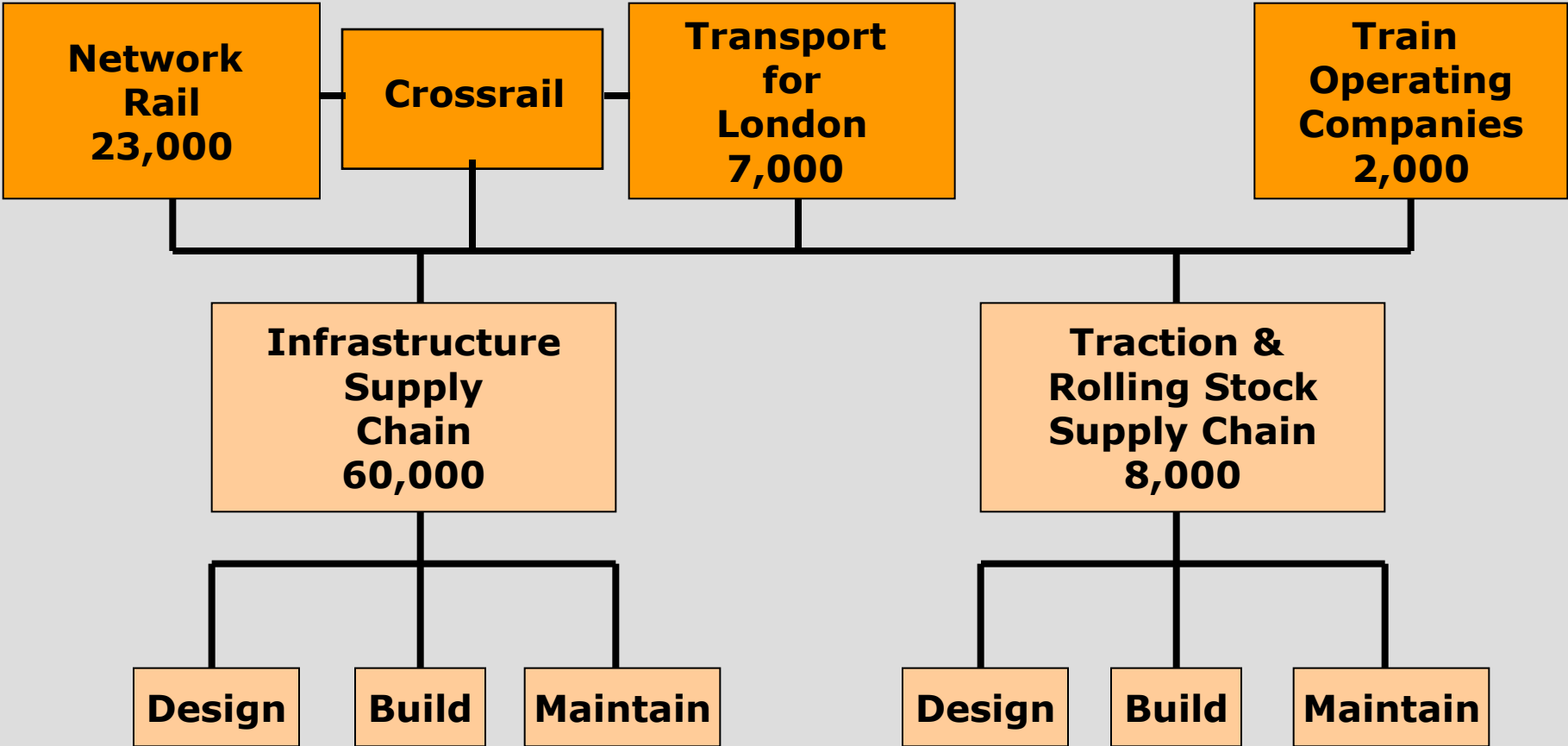
- **over 2 years since conception!**
- **comprehensive research undertaken**
 - skills challenges
 - training provision
- **widespread stakeholder consultation**
 - 60 presentations in 6 months
- **overwhelming industry support**
- **proposed roles agreed in principle**
 - much detailed work to be done
- **'high level' Business Plan endorsed**
- **Government funding (£3m) approved**
- **detailed Business Plan in preparation**

Key Supporters

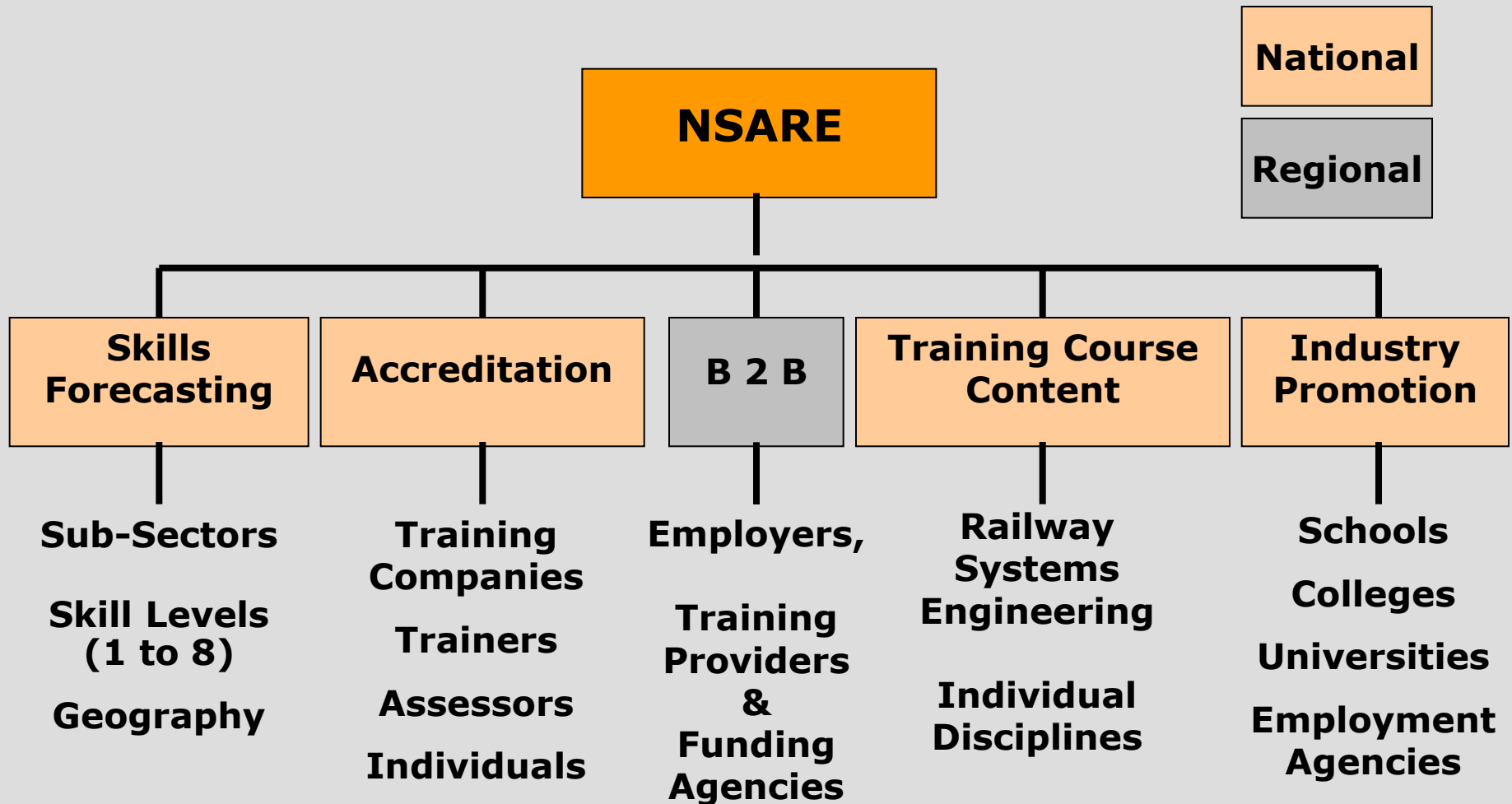
- **Department for Transport**
- **Network Rail**
- **Transport for London (LUL, Overground & Crossrail)**
- **Railway Industry Association**
- **ATOC & TOCs**
- **Rail Freight Group**
- **Railway Engineers Forum (Engineering Institutions)**
- **National Rail Contractors Group**
- **Sector Skills Councils: GoSkills & SEMTA**
- **Regional Development Agencies**
- **Office of Rail Regulation**
- **Lloyd's Register Educational Trust**
- **RSSB**
- **Rail Alliance**
- **Association of Rail Training Providers**
- **TUC / Unite**

Scope: Clients & Suppliers

100,000 engineers of all skill levels from school-leavers to PhDs



Proposed Roles



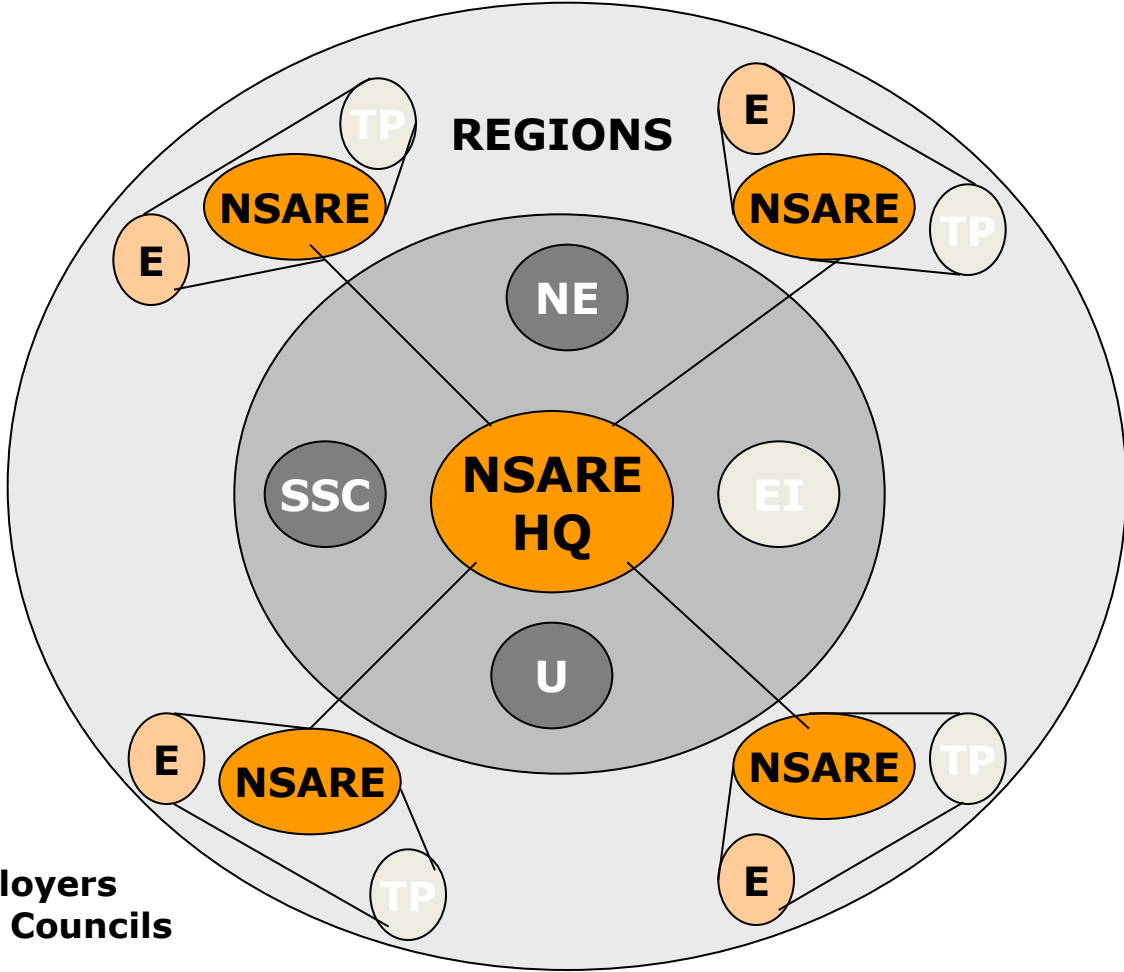
B 2 B: Business to Business

Standards and Qualifications

- **National Qualifications will be:**
 - fit for purpose, based on employers' needs
 - derived from employer-endorsed NOS
 - universally recognised and portable within the sector
- **all engineers will own & maintain their personal skills passport**
- **all staff will be trained to Level 2 as a minimum and to level 3 and above where appropriate**



'Hub & Spoke'



- NE** National Employers
- SSC** Sectors Skills Councils
- U** Universities
- EI** Engineering Institutions
- E** Employers
- TP** Training Providers

Potential Locations

Phase 1 (spring 2011):

HQ : Birmingham

Phase 2 (2011)

Regional Offices:

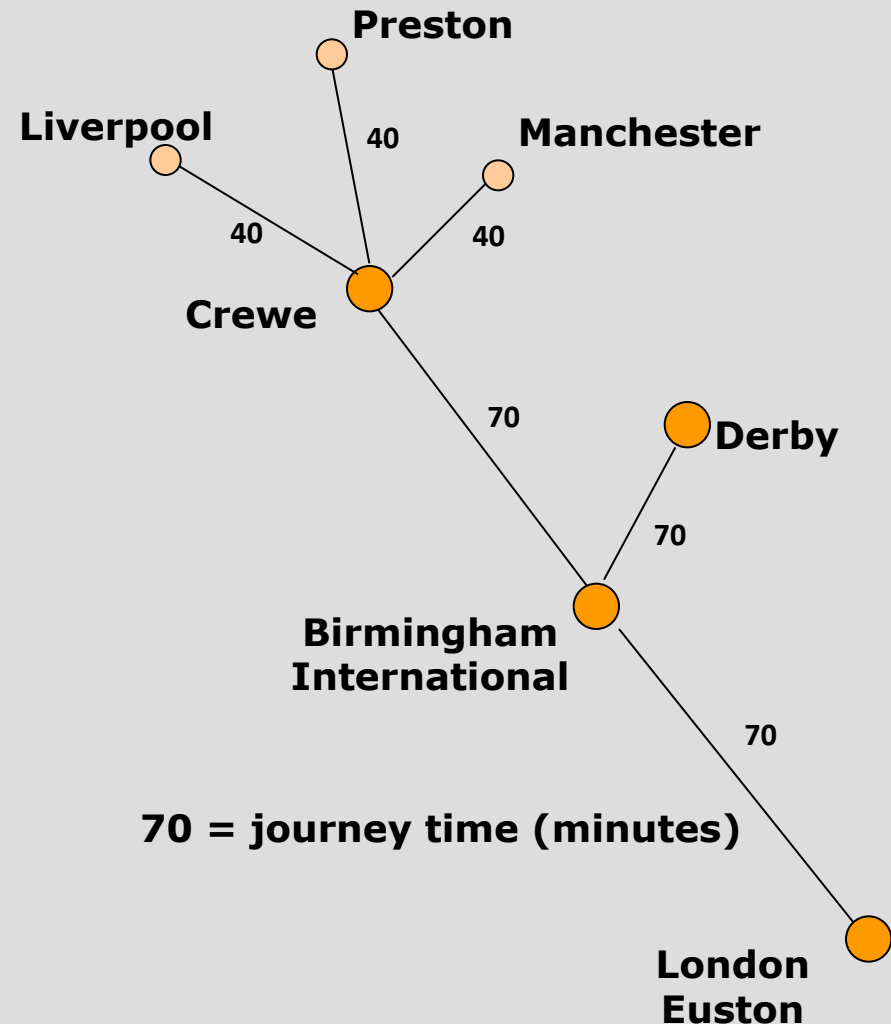
East Midlands: Derby

North West: Crewe

South East: London

Phase 3 (?)

additional regional offices:
e.g. Yorkshire, South West,
Scotland etc.



Current Status

17th March: NSARE bid successful

- funding provided for development of Business Plan: capped at £250k

30th March: Industry Launch

- hugely positive response

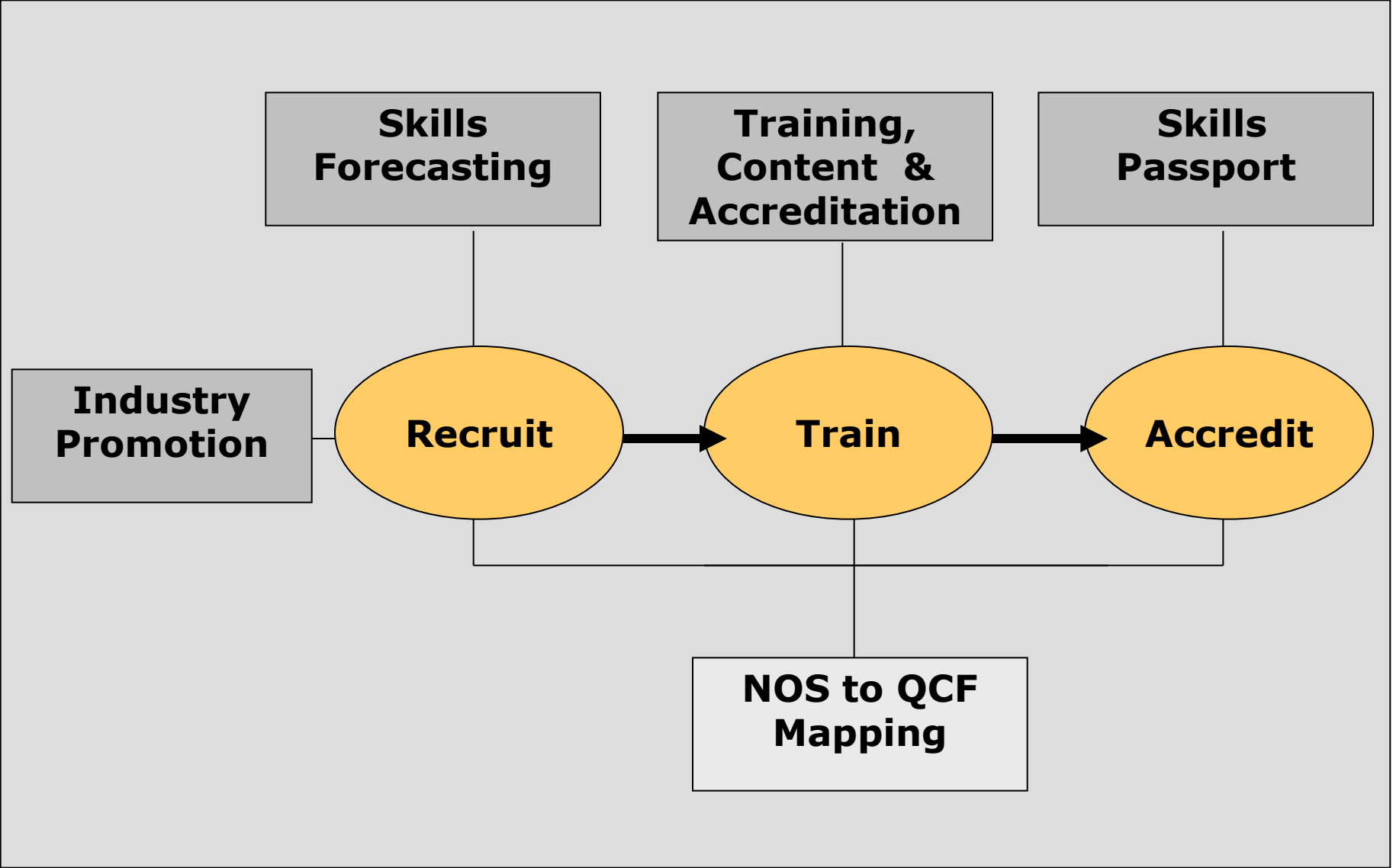
13th May: Industry Forum

- Implementation Working Groups agreed

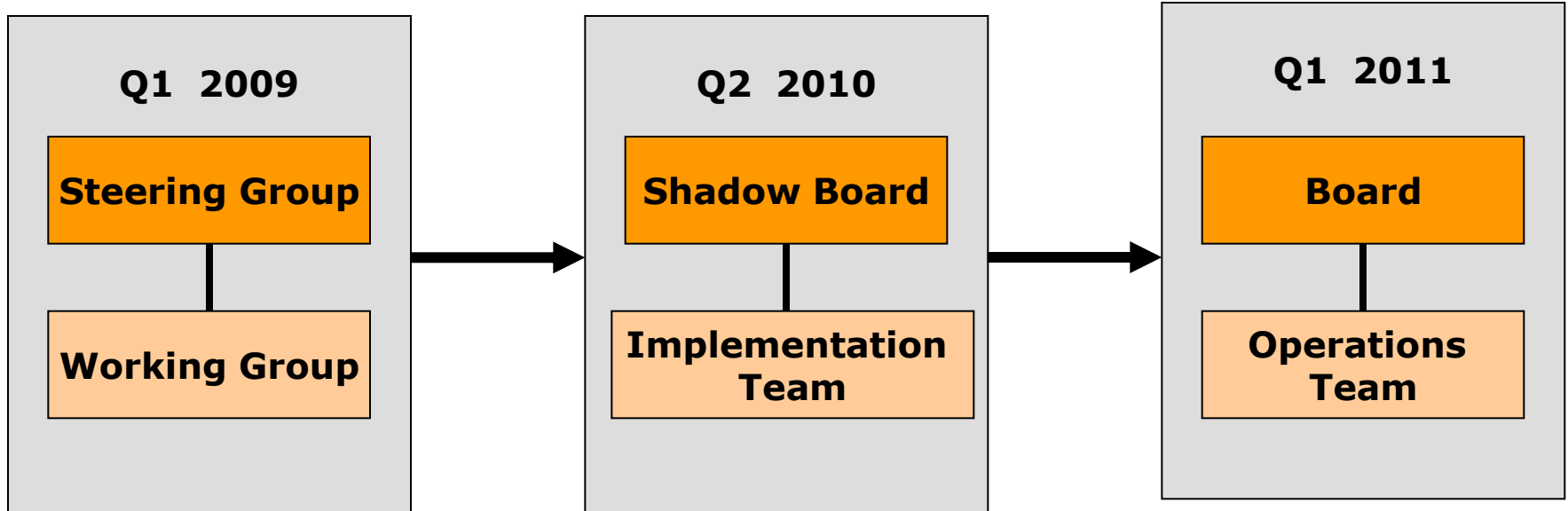
5 meetings held with Skills Funding Agency

- Contract SFA / RIA signed 21st May
- Business Plan guidance received
- Detailed programme agreed
- Business Plan to be submitted in September for approval in October

Implementation Working Groups



Transition to Operation



Objectives:

Business Plan approved:

Autumn 2010

NSARE HQ operational:

Spring 2011

Regional offices operational:

Summer 2011

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