



Paralympians enjoy jobs boost with launch of the ParalympicsGB Athlete Career Programme and the Disability Talent Pool for London 2012

Adecco Group UK & Ireland and ParalympicsGB sign agreement to deliver the International Paralympic Committee Athlete Career Programme and Disability Talent Pool to UK Paralympians

London, 3rd March 2010 – Adecco Group UK & Ireland today announced that the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athlete Career Programme (ACP) would be extended to UK Paralympians for the first time helping Paralympic athletes find their place in the workforce following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The UK Programme, which will now be opened to all competing and retired Paralympians, is designed to help athletes make the transition from the field of play to the workforce, many of whom face difficulties adjusting to the workplace following a career in competitive sport.

The IPC ACP helps athletes find work at the close of their athletic career thanks to a two-track programme: Career Development and Job Placement.

The Career Development track was created around a combination of individual modules, customised to meet athletes' requirements. This personalised programme enables athletes to view their athletic successes and characteristics from the point of view of potential employers and express them in appropriate terms.

Job Placement is a personalised track built on Adecco's world-class job placement expertise. It is designed to help athletes leverage their unique backgrounds and capabilities, and position them to engage in the job market with the best support available.

Alongside the IPC Athlete Career Programme, Adecco will also officially launch its Disability Talent Pool (DTP), a register of talented disabled candidates who are interested in working at London 2012. London 2012 already operates a guaranteed interview for talented disabled job seekers. Now, the DTP aims to ensure that disabled candidates who narrowly miss out on a job first time round get fast tracked to future roles with London 2012. Adecco's role as sponsor and official recruitment services provider of London 2012, sees the world's largest HR solutions provider support London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) in filling a wide range of positions between now and 2012 but will also help with outplacement services once the Games has concluded.

