

Sodexo partners SIFE France to promote entrepreneurial spirit in the next generation of leaders

Paris, June 16, 2008 – Sodexo announces entering a partnership with Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) in France to support the organization’s initiatives dedicated to nurturing the entrepreneurial skills of university students. Through this partnership Sodexo will not only provide financial support but will also be able to provide professional expertise to facilitate the development of the SIFE France student teams.

SIFE offers thousands of students each year the opportunity to develop and implement sustainable projects which create economic opportunities for others. This partnership, which involves the provision of financial support and expertise, was announced during the annual final of SIFE France at the Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris on June 13, 2008.

Along with the financial support provided to SIFE France, Sodexo expects to become actively involved in evaluating participating SIFE teams both nationally and in the wider competition, mentoring SIFE teams on their projects and through providing skills training to the students. Equally, Sodexo will be able to provide employment opportunities for these students either through internships or full time opportunities.

Elisabeth Carpentier, Group Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Sodexo, said “We are thrilled to build this partnership which will allow the Group to support the remarkable work carried out by SIFE France. SIFE’s philosophy and values echo those of Sodexo and will allow us to build a fruitful relationship with these students motivated by ethical and creative projects. SIFE’s international network could also lead to the building of partnerships across the many countries in which we are present.”

About SODEXO

SODEXO, founded in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, a world leader in Food and Facilities Management services, with more than 342,380 employees on 29,000 sites in 80 countries. For Fiscal 2007, which closed August 31, 2007, SODEXO had revenues of 13.4 billion euro. Listed on Euronext Paris, the Group’s current market capitalization is 7 billion euro.

About SIFE France

SIFE France is a member of SIFE Global, an international non-profit organization present in over 1,700 universities across 48 countries. The objective of SIFE Students each year is to create and implement entrepreneurial projects which contribute to economic development within the community. SIFE's objective is to provide students with the opportunity to make a difference and to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise.

SIFE France brings together student teams and organizations annually in a national competition. During this competition a judging panel of professionals work together to identify the best projects implemented by the student teams and ultimately the French champion who will go on to represent France in the SIFE World Cup.

More information about SIFE France:

<http://www.sifefrance.org/V2/index.asp>

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