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## Sweco to analyse development opportunities in southern Sweden in connection with the establishment of new research centres in Lund

Within the next ten years the city of Lund in southern Sweden will gain two new research facilities – European Spallation Source (ESS) and MAX IV – that will contribute to the entire region's development in different ways. Specialists from Sweco have now been commissioned to study how various stakeholders in the area can take part in and benefit from the changes taking place.

"Our analysis will take a holistic approach to the region's development and how its international competitiveness can be strengthened. This is a highly complex assignment where we will look at everything from attractive living environments and infrastructure to the conditions for business development and growth," says Henrik Mattsson, Project Manager at Sweco.

The stakeholders currently receiving expert assistance in their strategy development are the Regional Council of Skåne in collaboration with all of the Skåne municipalities, Lund University, Invest in Skåne, ESS AB, Malmö University, the County Administrative Board of Skåne, Kristianstad University, the Regional Council of Blekinge, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Alnarp and Blekinge Institute of Technology.

The contract is worth over EUR 220,000 and is scheduled for completion in December 2012.

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