

# NEW PROCUREMENT ROUND 2008/09



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## PQQ Launch – Expressions of Interest

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has been hosting a series of regional briefing events as the precursor to the e-procurement round for all 2008/09 LSC funding. This includes co-financing funding from the European Social Fund (ESF) 2007-13 programme.

The first stage of the LSC's eTendering process is a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) launched on 31st August 2007, followed by an Invitation to Tender (ITT).

This approach covers the mainstream 2008/09 funding **as well as the initial funding opportunity made available through the ESF 2007-13 programme.**

The LSC now invites expressions of interest from organisations for the supply of learning and skills provision in the following areas: Youth, Adult Learner Responsive, Employer Responsive and Others including LLDD, OLASS and ESF Community Grants.

In response to provider feedback from the 2007/08 procurement round this new PQQ has been shortened and simplified. Organisations wishing to express their interest and respond to this PQQ need to register on the LSC eTendering portal, which is available at [www.lsc.bravosolution.com](http://www.lsc.bravosolution.com) where you will be guided through the registration and response process.

**The PQQ closes at noon on Friday 28th September and on-line submissions must be completed by this time.**

The introduction of Open and Competitive Tendering (OTC) is designed to open up the learning and skills market by enabling the best colleges and providers to extend their range of provision and by attracting new providers into the system to increase diversity, improve quality and stimulate innovation in the market. There are four triggers for competitive tendering:

- New investment
- Restructuring of provision or delivery model restructuring
- Significant gaps in provision
- Poor quality and the failure to meet minimum performance levels

Further information and the on-line PQQ are available at: [www.lsc.bravosolution.com](http://www.lsc.bravosolution.com)

If you require assistance in accessing the on-line documentation please e-mail the BravoSolution helpdesk at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk)



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