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**Pre-qualification questionnaire launched for:  
Regional Apprentices Redeployment Support Programme (8/5/09)**

Ref: pqq\_28655

**Participating Regions: Yorkshire & the Humber, North East, Greater London, East Midlands, South East, East of England, South West**

**Project Scope:**

On 21st October 2008, Skills Secretary John Denham announced a package of measures in response to the economic downturn. As part of this package, the LSC has £100m to support workers affected by redundancy. The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has made available £50m through the European Social Fund (ESF) and £50m through Train to Gain to boost skills interventions for individuals under notice of redundancy, those made recently redundant, and those that are unemployed and further from the labour market, but could be made ready for work with this skills development support package.

In January 2009, Invitations to Tender for this ESF provision were issued to employer responsive providers who were successful in the QPF process for delivery of Adult Education and Training Services and who were included on a list of providers approved to deliver these services.

To compliment the provision already in place, this tender seeks to appoint co-ordinating Bodies in each of the specified regions to deploy regional funds. The Co-ordinating Body will:

- Manage the funds;
- Work with all interested parties to generate additional capacity for apprenticeship work placements;
- Provide support in finding a work based training placement with an employer to enable the target groups to complete their apprenticeship framework and enhance their opportunity to secure alternative employment.

It is intended that contracts will run between July 2009 and March 2011. Funding is available until December 2010; however the successful tenderer will be expected to fulfil reporting requirements up to March 2011.

Further details relating to this requirement can be found in the **Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) Contract Notice**

The pre-qualification questionnaire and instructions for completion can be found on the LSC E-Tendering Portal <https://lsc.bravosolution.com> PQQ reference: 28655

If you are not already registered on Bravo you will need to complete the on line registration form.

Please ensure that you read the “**Read me First**” document. All communication in respect of this tender exercise must be via the E-Tendering Portal messaging service.

**Closing date for completed PQQ responses is 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 16:00.**

**The LSC strongly recommends that you publish your response well before this deadline.**