

ESF Clarification Events				
		Region	Northwest - Aintree	
		Date	30th November 2007	
Name	Organisation	Categories	Question	Answer
	National Prison Service	Programme Specific?	Clarification regional specification is there a national tender or sub regional tenders	Up to a bidder as there will be both. The skills for jobs offender spec asks for separate tenders for each Criminal Justice Area of procurement.
	Skills for Care	Programme Specific?	Skillworks in the social care sector to micro employers given plan for growth broader use and flexibility the way the ITT s are written they exclude these micro employees	There is no minimum in accessing skillworks - more outcomes listed but no lower limit for each SME - contribution of 40% relates to micro businesses as well
	Cheshire CC	Programme Specific?	Retention and post 16 would any application have to cover all of Cheshire or just parts of it	you can choose to either specify areas within Cheshire or submit for entire region
	Cheshire CC	Programme Specific?	Can you specify which client group you intend to work with	Yes
	CTA	Programme Specific?	In C & W Skills for jobs routeways - Main stage progression per participant (maximum of 3) What does that mean	Further clarification is being sought an update will be provided on 5 December
	Trafford MBC	Programme Specific?	Pre 16 - told that some can use post 16 funds if at Key stage 4. How will re-engagement be measured in terms of those 'at risk' or for year 10s engaged on programmes in 2009?	Further clarification is being sought an update will be provided on 5 December

	Riverside College	Programme Specific?	Plan for growth engaging with the voluntary and community sector when can you do this?	Further clarification is being sought an update will be provided on 5 December
Tanya Robbins	Construction Skills	Other?	If you can deliver the project without going into partnership with other organisations does this mean you do not score?	Tell us the reasons why you do not need to go into partnership
Not given	Not given	Other	What is the definition of a sub - contractor i.e. you pay them or they are a partner in the delivery of this project	Provide information in terms of expenditure and that they are receiving ESF payment or if they are assisting the delivery of the project without payment information relating to the activity they are bringing to this project
	Not given	Not given	Will there be further information/guidance with regards to working within partnership to deliver a project.	No
	See Business Card	Other	Where can we find a list of Organisations which were successful as part of PQQ?	The national list is expected to be published w/c 3/12 and will be available on the website
Geoff	Training Partnership Clitheroe	Programme Specific?	Are there any specific initiatives to encourage employers to target disabled participants? i.e. allowing for supported employment.	Train to gain, Skillworks and Foundation Learning are about routeways into learning and are embedded within ITTs
Gerry Kinsella	Greenbank	ESF	Age issue in that some Year 12 learners are linked to Year 13 due to age - Are learners in this age group eligible? Specifically in Special Schools.	Still eligible within mainstream - issue around definition of NEET - important to do the right thing for youngsters

Kate Parker	ILC	ESF	Adult response - BME and Low skills for life mentioned - any provision for ESOL?	Further clarification is being sought an update will be provided on 5 December
Kate Parker	ILC	ESF	Ex Offenders and Offenders are mentioned - under certain areas only offenders should be targeted - is this correct?	The Skills for Jobs for Offenders specification is entirely focused on Offenders who are serving a custodial sentence and for whom employment has been assessed as a need. The Skills for Jobs tender specifications which are focused on particular geographical locations will support Ex-offenders and Offenders under supervision in the community.
Linda Johnson	LD training	ESF	Previous qualifications do they need to be Level 1?	ITT goes into detail what learners can progress through to achieve a level 2 - can be vocational qualifications
	Southport Provider	ESF	Some ITTs identify one contract per borough - because of this will the LSC miss some really good projects which are currently taking place?	The LSC welcome consortium bids and it doesn't necessarily mean we will award just one contract it is to prevent several small bids being submitted will wait to see what comes through OCT

John Brennan	Merseyside Association for Deaf People	ESF	What about groups of people which have not been specifically identified within the ITTs?	If an individual is workless or at a disadvantage within the workforce then they are eligible - it is as much about people telling the LSC groups of learners we are missing within the ITT as well as the LSC monitoring learners targeted within previous programmes
Claire White	Foundation - Warrington	ESF	If applying for NEET under 16 - how do you answer question moving into employment?	Not applicable it is retention in education for under 16s
Gary	Furniture - Winsford	ESF	Smaller organisations can often only provide activity in a very small area and if they put partnerships together this can weaken provision - how small can a bid be?	Where minimum contract sizes have been identified these have been stipulated within the Tender Specification. However, a number of Tender Specifications do not include minimum requirements, therefore you can describe activity and show the routeway clearly - the LSC wouldn't want to lose any good practice.
Frank Collins		ESF	Due to the size and scale of geographical area / organisation - bids can be marked down at appraisal as not covering a large enough area - can it be assured that providers won't lose out?	Looking mainly at consortia approaches which would cover a larger area but again wouldn't want to lose good practice
Frank Collins		Programme Specific?	Progression - learners to other funding streams - are the voluntary and community organisation able to access mainstream funds through OCT?	Further clarification is being sought an update will be provided on 5 December