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NW/ADULT/S38	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Personal Development Programme - Personal Best –The Event Volunteer Award Programme		
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NW/ADULT/S39	Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Executive / Graduate Retention Routeway to Employment		
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<p>Could you please provide additional guidance relating to what form of training is envisaged by the LSC to deliver the last of the 4 core training aim within the 100 hours (Aim = Job / project placement related training opportunities that could relate to local 'future jobs fund' opportunities).</p> <p>Our understanding of the 'future jobs fund' scheme is that the programme will develop newly created jobs that lasts for at least 6 months for at least 24 hours / week.</p> <p>Are we right to assume:</p> <p>a) that the training to support this aspect is probaly of a technical nature which will support an individual to access a specific job.</p> <p>b) that the training must be undertaken prior to indiviual starting the 6 month long job, or can this training be done whilst the indiviual is on-the-job, as such an approach would allow the employers / employees training needs to be matched more effectively</p>	<p>The LSC is not prescriptive about the training required, training in this instance should be responsive to individual and company needs for the position. Training can be delivered prior to employment or placement. It is assumed that whilst employed beneficiary learners will progress to further training such as Train to Gain.</p>		22-6-09

NW/EMPLOYER/S36	Merseyside Phasing-In Area –Training In-Company Mentors to Support Employee Retention	
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NW/EMPLOYER/S37	Cheshire & Warrington and Lancashire - Train the Trainer	
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NW/EMPLOYER/S38	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Supporting the growth in Apprenticeships for Adults																							
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Broadcast Message – no question received.	<p>The ITT outlines a number of Apprenticeship Frameworks which are ineligible the table below provides further detail regarding the specific framework numbers which are ineligible. However, increasing the take up of apprenticeship within the public sector is a particular priority; therefore the restriction regarding these frameworks does not apply to supporting individuals within the public sector. Applicants are also reminded that ESF regulations identify that the training of public sector workers at level 3 and above is ineligible, therefore although level 2 qualifications within these frameworks are eligible for support, level 3 qualifications cannot be supported.</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Framework</th> <th>Framework number</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Construction</td> <td>116</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Administration</td> <td>102</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Customer Service</td> <td>263</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hairdressing</td> <td>217</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hospital and Catering</td> <td>220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retail</td> <td>112</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children’s Care Learning and Development</td> <td>104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Engineering</td> <td>106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle Maintenance and Repair</td> <td>328</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Social Care</td> <td>236</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Framework	Framework number	Construction	116	Business Administration	102	Customer Service	263	Hairdressing	217	Hospital and Catering	220	Retail	112	Children’s Care Learning and Development	104	Engineering	106	Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	328	Health and Social Care	236	22-6-09
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We deliver NVQ AdvApp & App in General Insurance to Contact Centres and Financial Services. Would you consider this to be included within Business Admin and therefore	These are eligible.	18-6-09																						

NW/EMPLOYER/S38 North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Supporting the growth in Apprenticeships for Adults		
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excluded under this Tender?		
I note that BA and CS frameworks are excluded. Can we tender for Accounting and Team Leading frameworks and is there a minimum number of starts per provider?	Yes, you can tender for Accounting and Team Leading frameworks. No, there is no minimum number of starts per provider, although 250k or would be a steer	17-6-09
<p>Question 1: Are you able to tell me what % of the NVQ is funded? and does this equate to the £1134.95 start payment laid out in the contracting details section of the tender spec? thanks</p> <p>Question 2: when you refer to using an Apprenticeship contract to gain the final achievement are we able to use an Apprenticeship contract from another LSC region? As we do not hold an Apprenticeship contract in the North West but we do in the West Midlands.</p>	<p>Question 1: No fixed percentage is set. Whatever is claimed through ESF should be taken away from the amount due for the NVQ through mainstream funding using the A51 field.</p> <p>Question 2: All contractors can deliver anywhere in the country from any employer responsive contract from 1 August.</p>	16-6-09
Can you clarify the exact meaning related to the Target Groups progressing 'from' ESF Funded provision?	The target group is those eligible for an Adult Apprenticeship	11-6-09
We are considering pulling together a tender for the above ESF project but before we do I have some questions around this. The project is for Adult Apprenticeships however when reading the specification it is slightly confusing. As I understand it we would be tendering to deliver the NVQ, KeySkill/Functional Skills, ERR and Technical Certificate. Am I right in stating that only the KeySkill/Functional Skills, ERR and Technical Certificate are fully funded and the NVQ is part funded? If this is the case how are we expected to the remaining part funding for the NVQ? Alternatively are you asking us to deliver the Key Skill, ERR and Technical Certificate element of a frame work (funded through ESF) and then source other funding for them to achieve the NVQ eventually resulting in a Framework achievement??	As you correctly state the KeySkill/Functional Skills, ERR and Technical Certificate are fully funded and the NVQ is part funded. When the NVQ is nearing completion the learner would transfer to mainstream Apprenticeship funding (either with you if you hold an Apprenticeship contract or with a partner) and complete the remainder of the NVQ on Apprenticeship funding, using the A51 field to discount funds earned through ESF.	11-6-09

NW/EMPLOYER/S39 North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Apprenticeships Train the Trainer		
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NW/EMPLOYER/S40 North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area –Training In-Company Mentors to Support the Delivery of Apprenticeships		
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<p>Can we check in the Tender Spec, page 7, against payable outputs S7 and A10, where it says 1440 learners, it relates to the 767 learners detailed in S2 / S4?</p> <p>Plus, can we check that the same learner can do PAPS, then non-accredited, and then accredited (NCFE L2), and so could be on ILR against three different learning aims (as per current mentoring project)?</p>	<p>There is an error in the Tender Specification, the correct wording for S7 and A10 are detailed below:</p> <p>S7 - Employees undertaking accredited qualifications at Level 2 or notional Level 2(NCFE Certificate in Work Based Support & Mentoring). NB These learners are part of the overall 767 in S2 & S4</p> <p>A10 – Employees achieve accredited qualifications at Level 2 or notional Level 2 (NCFE Certificate in Work Based Support & Mentoring. NB These learners are part of the overall 767 in S2 & S4.</p> <p>In terms of its 2nd question, all learners will undertake S2 and S4 and whichever learners also start the NCFE qualification will be recorded as S7. Therefore for those learners, they will have 3 aims on the ILR.</p>	22-6-09

NW/EMPLOYER/S41 North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Continued Development for Young People (16-24) in Employment without Training.		
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<p>Having read the required outputs am I correct that of all participants engaged the LSC are looking for 75% to move onto LSC funded learning aims? If that is the case are they looking at just Apprenticeships or is it college? It would seem to be a very high progression rate particularly given the many and varied needs of the client group.</p>	<p>Although we are emphasising progressions to apprenticeships, the 75% achievement rate is based on progressions onto any LSC funded programme.</p>	17-6-09
<p>Would it be possible to ask for a bit more of an explanation as to payable outputs listed on Page 6 of the S41 Tender Specification, please, e.g. S4 commence training @ £200 and then S11 / S12 start training @ £200, plus A14/A15 progress into LSC funded training @ £500, and then P1 progress into LSC funded learning @ £100</p>	<p>S4, S11 and S12 are the same, when a learner starts the provider should claim S2, S4 and either S11 or S12 depending on whether the learner is 16-18 or 19-24. These need to be separated due to the way the S4 and S11 & S12 are claimed ie ILR and Delivery Statement.</p> <p>A14 or A15 would be claimed at the same time as P1. The outcome should be claimed when a learner progresses to an LSC</p>	16-6-09

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In terms of the outcomes the example suggests that 100% of young people who we identify and provide IAG advice to should then commence training (S2 &S4). Is this correct? Secondly would S11 and S12 form part of S4 as they appear to be the same measure yet overall cash allocation would suggest these are different measures? If these are different measures would you please clarify what the differences are. Thirdly will you please clarify by what is meant by A14 and P1, is this young people starting on a fundable LSC qualification or is it young people progressing to an Apprenticeship?	Yes. They are the same, i.e. when a learner starts the provider should claim either S2, S4 & S11 or S2, S4 & S12 depending on whether the learner is 16-18 or 19-24. These need to be separated due to the way the S4 and S11 & S12 are claimed, i.e. ILR and Delivery Statement. A14 or A15 would be claimed at the same time as P1. The outcome should be claimed when a learner progresses to an LSC funded programme.	10-6-09
NW/YOUTH/S24	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area –Supported Employment Opportunities for Young People	
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NW/YOUTH/S25	Lancashire - Reducing NEET in Lancashire, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Local Authority Areas	
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Are we able to submit a tender looking to specifically deliver activity against Section 1. Energiser section only? Or must all tender look to delvier all activity detailed in the ITT e.g. including Pre E2E programme	Applicants will need to be able to deliver both elements of the Tender Specification.	11-6-09
NW/YOUTH/S26	Cheshire and Warrington - Reducing NEET in Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Local Authority Areas	
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NW/YOUTH/S27	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Skills for Jobs for Young People	
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<p>Could you clarify an apparent contradiction in S27 please.</p> <p>Under the Aims section, para 2 it states '...will enable young people to access existing programmes usually funded by the LSC, local authorities and other organisations...'</p> <p>However, under OUTPUTS it is stated 'young people successfully engaged on LSC funded learning and skills programmes'</p> <p>Under 'Results' it does not explicitly mention LSC just '...progressing into learning and skills programmes'</p> <p>Please could you clarify if it is only LSC funded provision that will be accepted for outputs/results, or whether a broader range of provision is acceptable.</p>	<p>Only LSC funded programmes will be recognised outputs and results for funding purposes. The main purpose of this tender is to facilitate progression to and retention in existing LSC funded activity, which will enable clear progression routes to skills and employment. We do recognise that in a young person's journey to sustainable employment a range of 'other' interventions, funded by other partners, may be appropriate or indeed necessary to enable young people to progress; however, only LSC funded activity is in scope for output and result payments.</p>	24-6-09	

NW/YOUTH/S28		Greater Manchester, Halton and Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Progression Support for 17-19 Year Olds	
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NW/YOUTH/S29		Cumbria –Reducing NEET in Cumbria	
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