

## **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICES TO SUPPORT THIRD SECTOR PROVIDERS IN THE NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND**

The LSC are pleased to announce the opening of a new Invitation to Tender for Services. The following links will take you to the notices for this Invitation to Tender both on the E tendering Portal and within the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) supplement, Tenders Electronic Daily (TED).

[https://lsc.bravosolution.com/esop/guest/public/toolkit/notice/public/tender?caller=0&tenderId=tender\\_18400](https://lsc.bravosolution.com/esop/guest/public/toolkit/notice/public/tender?caller=0&tenderId=tender_18400)

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:212319-2008:TEXT:EN:HTML>

Brief details of this Invitation to Tender are as follows-  
**itt 28408 - NW - Delivering the Compact – Engaging the third sector**

The LSC is committed to delivering the Compact which is the agreement between Government and the voluntary and community sector in England about how they should work together. Key elements include codes of practice for consultation, funding and procurement.

The LSC North West has a responsibility as a Co Financing organisation to deliver key elements of the ESF programme 2007-2013 in the region and acknowledges the need to work closely with the third sector if it is to achieve the agreed outcomes.

It is not feasible, nor appropriate, for the LSC to engage directly on a day to day basis with the wide range of third sector providers who can make a valuable contribution to delivering the ESF programme. The LSC must, however, ensure that the needs of the sector are captured and met. It will achieve this through intermediary organisations or partnerships which can offer a dialogue between the LSC and the third sector on both strategic and technical aspects of the programme.

These intermediary organisations will also provide information and support to the third sector covering the whole of the ESF process from consultation on Co Finance plans, through Pre Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs), Invitation to Tenders (ITTs), and post tender activities such as contracting and delivery and also in developing and sharing best practice.