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SUMMARY OF TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

ESF PRIORITY 1: ADULT TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/ADULT/S16	Knowsley and St Helens - Priority Sector Routeway	£912,395
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S16 Knowsley & St Helens-PRIORITY.doc	
Aim	<p>The overall strategic aim of services sought under this specification is to support the delivery of an integrated employment and skills system. This is one of a suite of tender specifications that will procure activity that will contribute to the Skills for Jobs framework.</p> <p>This programme aims is to help people develop employability skills to enable them to enter sustainable employment in growth and key employability priority sectors within Merseyside, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Port and Maritime industries > Logistics > Sport & Leisure > Tourism & Hospitality > Retail <p>The programme will deliver sector focussed activity and will be a key strand of the Liverpool/Merseyside City Region City Employment and Skills Strategy (CES). This programme will also support emerging Local Employment Partnership (LEP) activity and complement achievement of the Skills and Jobs pledges.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S17	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-In Area) – Skills Coaching	£500,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S17 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea-SKILLS	
Aim	The aim of this tender specification is to seek providers to deliver and co-ordinate skills coaching support; helping individuals to identify appropriate skills interventions to enable them to sustain employment and to	

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	<p>progress within the workplace.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S18	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-In Area) – Routeways to Employment	£2,700,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S18 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea-EMPLOYABILITY	
Aim	<p>The overall strategic aim of services sought under this specification is to support the delivery of an integrated employment and skills system. This is one of a suite of tender specifications that will procure activity that will contribute to the Skills for Jobs framework</p> <p>The aim of this specification is to directly help individuals into employment, with a particular focus on people from disadvantaged groups or areas. Providing access to additional support and employability interventions to enable them to successfully gain sustainable employment. The module is designed to deliver a customised approach linked to individual needs, facilitating and underpinning the progression of individuals into the labour market.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S19	Cheshire & Warrington – The Sustainable Employment Programme	£421,002
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S19 Cheshire&Warrington - SUSTAINABLE	
Aim	<p>The LSC has undertaken to procure tailored pre-employment training where the training need arises from a LEP. This is the focus of this tender specification.</p> <p>In addition to the pre-employment training, and in order to increase the sustainability of LEP employment, the LSC wishes to link the pre-employment training, funded by this Invitation to Tender, to post- employment training funded predominantly by Train to Gain. Together these elements configure the Sustainable Employment Programme.</p> <p>LEPs are the primary focus of the Sustainable Employment Programme but the programme may be extended to non LEP employment opportunities.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S20	Cumbria - The Sustainable Employment Programme	£214,194
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S20 Cumbria - SUSTAINABLE	
Aim	<p>The LSC has undertaken to procure tailored pre-employment training where the training need arises from a LEP. This is the focus of this tender specification.</p>	

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NW/ADULT/S21	Greater Manchester – The Sustainable Employment Programme	£2,106,599
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S21 Grtr Manchester - SUSTAINABLE	
Aim	<p>The LSC has undertaken to procure tailored pre-employment training where the training need arises from a LEP. This is the focus of this tender specification.</p> <p>In addition to the pre-employment training, and in order to increase the sustainability of LEP employment, the LSC wishes to link the pre-employment training, funded by this Invitation to Tender, to post- employment training funded predominantly by Train to Gain. Together these elements configure the Sustainable Employment Programme.</p> <p>LEPs are the primary focus of the Sustainable Employment Programme but the programme may be extended to non LEP employment opportunities.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S22	Lancashire - The Sustainable Employment Programme	£832,008
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S22 Lancashire - SUSTAINABLE	
Aim	<p>The LSC has undertaken to procure tailored pre-employment training where the training need arises from a LEP. This is the focus of this tender specification.</p> <p>In addition to the pre-employment training, and in order to increase the sustainability of LEP employment, the LSC wishes to link the pre-employment training, funded by this Invitation to Tender, to post- employment training funded predominantly by Train to Gain. Together these elements configure the Sustainable Employment Programme.</p>	

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NW/ADULT/S23	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing In Area and Halton) - The Sustainable Employment Programme	<p>£2,274,939 of which £2,200,000 is ring fenced for the Merseyside Phasing In Area and £74,939 is available for Halton.</p>
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S23 Grtr MSidePhasingIn+Halton - SUSTAINABLE	
Aim	<p>The LSC has undertaken to procure tailored pre-employment training where the training need arises from a LEP. This is the focus of this tender specification.</p> <p>In addition to the pre-employment training, and in order to increase the sustainability of LEP employment, the LSC wishes to link the pre-employment training, funded by this Invitation to Tender, to post- employment training funded predominantly by Train to Gain. Together these elements configure the Sustainable Employment Programme.</p> <p>LEPs are the primary focus of the Sustainable Employment Programme but the programme may be extended to non LEP employment opportunities.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/ADULT/S24	Cumbria – Pathways to Progress through Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)	<p>£133,211</p>
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	<p>The aim of this specification is to enhance existing Information, Advice and Guidance services to support unemployed and economically inactive adults (19+) to make informed decisions about learning and job opportunities that meet their personal circumstances, skills needs and aspirations and lead to sustainable job outcomes and further learning.</p> <p>This will be achieved by linking people who want to work with employers/sectors where there are vacancies and supporting individuals to identify pathways of activities which will progress their skills and abilities to secure and sustain employment and further learning.</p> <p>A key opportunity for providers of IAG is to identify gaps in pre-employment provision and influence the responsiveness of providers, in particular where gaps exist in appropriate responses to the needs of relevant priority target groups.</p> <p>Launch Date: Late 2008, date to be determined.</p>	

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/ADULT/S25	Cumbria – Skills for Jobs – Routeways into Sustainable Employment	£532,021
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	<p>The overall strategic aim of services sought under this specification is to support the delivery of an integrated employment and skills system.</p> <p>Skills for Jobs aims to tackle worklessness by reducing the number of individuals not in employment through more effective engagement, and to move individuals into sustainable jobs through coaching, skills development, ongoing support, and the achievement of qualifications. This will be achieved by linking people who want to work with employers/sectors where there are vacancies and preparing individuals to secure and sustain employment.</p> <p>Launch Date: 30th May 2008 Closing Date: To be agreed</p>	

ESF PRIORITY 1: YOUTH TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/YOUTH/S21	Greater Manchester – Prevention of NEET Young People in Salford – Pre 16	£150,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S21 Grtr Manchester - NEET-SALFORD	
Aim	<p>To provide additional support and personalised learning programmes to young people who, during key stage four, are identified as becoming at risk of disengaging from learning. This is aimed to improve the rate of participation in learning post-16.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/YOUTH/S22	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Employer Pool and Integrated Career Development Mentoring Programme	£1,500,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S22 Grtr MerseysidePhasingInArea - EMPLOYER POOL	
Aim	<p>The Learning and Skills Council is seeking to appoint a single organisation or consortium of organisations to develop, and deliver an innovative method of providing Apprentices with real work opportunities on a portfolio basis.</p> <p>This programme aims to increase participation and achievement on the Apprenticeship programme by young</p>	

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	<p>people, whilst also providing opportunities for employers to meet workforce development needs. Evidence (through employer feedback) suggests that for some employers, and in particular, for employers within specific sectors e.g. retail, construction, there are several factors that prevent them from engaging fully in the Apprenticeship programme. For example, for smaller employers an apprenticeship opportunity can only be offered on a part time basis.</p> <p>Whilst much progress has been made working with employers to generate apprenticeship opportunities locally, there remains considerable work to be done to increase the company penetration rate in terms of the numbers offering apprenticeship places.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/YOUTH/S23	Lancashire - Reducing NEET in Lancashire Local Authority area	£550,000
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 in Lancashire LA area, specifically Chorley & South Ribble, Hyndburn and Lancaster & Morecambe areas, who are currently outside of learning or who are at risk of becoming disengaged and reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). To improve the participation rate of young people in post 16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment and further learning.</p> <p>Launch Date: 25th April 2008 Closing Date: To be determined</p>	

ESF PRIORITY 1: OTHER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/OTHER/S05	Lancashire – Community Grants Co-ordinating Body	£442,397
Bravo Filename	W_O_S05 Lancashire - COMM Grants	
Aim	<p>To establish a regional Grants Co-ordinating structure to develop, deliver and manage a Community Grants Programme across the Northwest region (excluding the Merseyside ‘phasing in’ area) to support people from the hardest to reach communities and individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage access mainstream ESF and domestic employment and skills provision.</p> <p>Provision offered through the Community Grants programme must not duplicate provision that is already supported through existing LSC or DWP mainstream provision, or ESF Co-Financing.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/OTHER/S06	Cumbria – Skills For Jobs For Offenders	£138,762
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S06 Cumbria - Skills for Jobs Offenders	
Aim	<p>To develop employability skills and support offenders in order to gain sustainable work following the Skills for Jobs routeways (please refer also to the Introduction and Guidance to Skills for Jobs). Offenders are part of the workless cohort and often face multiple barriers to engagement. The target group for this tender are those offenders for whom employment has been assessed as a need and this is entered on their sentence plan. (The assessment will be using the criminal justice sector’s OAsys process). Whilst the majority of offenders will be serving their sentence in the community some ‘in reach’ work in prisons will be required for those offenders who are still in custody. Applicants should note that some offenders from Cumbria may be held in prisons outside Cumbria, either in the North West or other regions. Applicants will need to take account of the Offender Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) delivered in prisons and the community as well as the Job Centre Plus service which is also present in the North West prisons.</p> <p>The overall strategic aim of services sought under this specification is to support the delivery of an integrated employment and skills system, known as Skills for Jobs for Offenders.</p> <p>Skills for Jobs aims to tackle worklessness by reducing the number of individuals not in employment through more effective engagement, and to move individuals into sustainable jobs through coaching, skills development, ongoing support, and the achievement of qualifications. This will be achieved by linking people who want to work with employers/sectors where there are vacancies and preparing individuals to secure and sustain employment.</p>	

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	Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008	
NW/OTHER/S07	Greater Manchester – The Employability Skills Routeway into Sustainable Employment	£442,397
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	<p>The overall strategic aim of services sought under this specification is to support the delivery of an integrated employment and skills system. This is one of a suite of tender specifications that will procure activity that will contribute to the Skills for Jobs framework</p> <p>Skills for Jobs aims to tackle worklessness by reducing the number of individuals not in employment through more effective engagement. It aims to move individuals into sustainable jobs through coaching, skills development, ongoing support, and the provision of qualifications. This will be achieved by linking individuals who want to work with employers/sectors where there are opportunities and preparing those individuals to secure and sustain that employment.</p> <p>The target group for this Tender Specification are adults (aged 19+) who are residents of the Greater Manchester area and who are Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities (including Mental Health Issues) who are currently engaged in the FE sector.</p> <p>Launch Date: 25th April 2008 Closing Date: To be determined</p>	
NW/OTHER/S08	Cheshire & Warrington, Cumbria, Halton and Lancashire – Pathways to Work	To be agreed
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	<p>This project aims to build on good practice developed, through learning providers in partnership with supported employment agencies. The programme will provide employability skills to young people and adults with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities, enabling access to sustainable employment for those ready and able to work. It is expected that the project will support people who have already completed periods of study within the FE system and are ready to move to supported employment.</p> <p>Launch Date: 25th April 2008 Closing Date: To be determined</p>	

ESF PRIORITY 2: EMPLOYER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/EMPLOYER/S16	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing In Area) – SkillWorks	£2,000,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S16 Grtr MerseysidePhasingInArea - SKILLWORKS	
Aim	<p>This programme has been established to stimulate and address demand for workforce development amongst Small and Medium sized companies (SMEs) in Merseyside specifically. The programme builds on the success of the SkillWorks programme and provides additionality to Train to Gain provision locally.</p> <p>The programme will also be utilised to extend and incentivise companies to take up the Skills Pledge and facilitate access to Train to Gain provision. The importance of responding to the needs of small and medium enterprises is paramount. Providers are expected to develop a variety of bespoke solutions depending upon the needs identified by the employer.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S17	Northwest including Halton - Skills Pledge Plus	£1,350,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S17 NorthWest INC HALTON - SKILLS PLEDGE	
Aim	<p>The project is intended to stimulate and address demand for workforce development amongst employers across the region (excluding the Merseyside phasing-in area) through commitment to the Skills Pledge. The funds will be used to incentivise employers to sign the Skills Pledge by providing funded additional learning and skills provision not accessible through other routes eg Train to Gain.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S18	Northwest including Merseyside Phasing In Area – NVQ Level 4	£2,627,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S18 NorthWest INC MSidePhasingIn - NVQ L4	
Aim	<p>This activity aims to support employers in the North West to develop their workforce and to raise regional skills levels by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling employees who do not hold a NVQ Level 4 or equivalent to achieve their first full NVQ Level 4, at a subsidised cost to the employer • Enabling employees who already hold a NVQ Level 4 or equivalent to achieve an NVQ 4 that is vocationally relevant to their current job • Expanding the Train to Gain offer by ensuring individuals have access to progression routes, for example from NVQ Level 3 to NVQ Level 4 and from Foundation Degree to NVQ Level 4 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the higher level skills offer across the region, complementing the provision already available • Supporting sectors identified as priorities in relation to higher level skills <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S19	Northwest including Merseyside Phasing In Area - Vocationally Relevant Second NVQ Level 2	<p>£11,455,088 of which £6,044,404 is ringfenced for the Northwest and £5,410,684 has been ringfenced for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area.</p>
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S19 NorthWest INC MSidePhasingIn - NVQ L2	
Aim	<p>The aim of this tender specification is to support employers to develop their workforce through the delivery of vocationally relevant second NVQ level 2 qualifications at a subsidised cost to the employer.</p> <p>This provision is intended to enhance the Train to Gain offer by widening the scope of employees who can benefit from subsidised training provision.</p> <p>Launch Date: 28th March 2008 Closing Date: 2nd May 2008</p>	