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### SUMMARY OF TENDER SPECIFICATIONS



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#### ESF PRIORITY 1: ADULT TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/ADULT/S24	<b>Cumbria – Pathways to Progress through Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)</b>	<b>£133,211</b>
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 <b>sustainable job outcomes and further learning</b>.</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><b>Launch Date: Late 2008, date to be determined.</b></p>	
NW/ADULT/S25	<b>Cumbria – Skills for Jobs – Routeways into Sustainable Employment</b>	<b>£545,750</b>
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,</p>	

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	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.  <b>Launch Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008</b> <b>Closing Date:4<sup>th</sup> July 2008</b>	

## ESF PRIORITY 1: YOUTH TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
<b>NW/YOUTH/S23</b>	<b>Lancashire - Reducing NEET in Lancashire Local Authority area</b>	<b>£550,000</b>
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	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.  <b>Launch Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008</b> <b>Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008</b>	

## ESF PRIORITY 1: OTHER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/OTHER/S07	<b>Greater Manchester – The Employability Skills Routeway into Sustainable Employment</b>	<b>£250,000</b>
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S07 GMan SfJ EMp. Skills Routeway LLDD.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>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><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Launch Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008      Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008</b></p>	
NW/OTHER/S08	<b>Cheshire &amp; Warrington, Cumbria and Lancashire – Pathways to Work</b>	<b>£574,550</b>
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S08 Cheshire & Warrington, Cumbria and Lancashire - Routeways to Work LLDD.doc	<b>(of which £374,550 is available for young people aged 16-18 and £200,000 for adults aged 19-25)</b>
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><b>Launch Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008      Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008</b></p>	
NW/OTHER/S09	<b>Lancashire – Skills For Jobs For Offenders</b>	<b>£519,870</b>
Bravo Filename	N/A	
Aim	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	

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	<p>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 Lancashire 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> <p><b>Launch Date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008</b>      <b>Closing Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b></p>	