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SUMMARY OF TENDER SPECIFICATIONS



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ESF PRIORITY 1: OTHER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	ESF Funding
NW/OTHER/S10	Cumbria – Skills For Jobs For Offenders	£166,420
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S10 Cumb-SfJ 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> <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	

Reference	Title	ESF Funding
NW/OTHER/S11	Greater Manchester – Skills for Jobs – The Employability Skills Routeway into Sustainable Employment for People with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities	£300,000
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S11 GMan-SfJ-LLDD_	
Aim	<p>The aim of this specification is to move adults (aged 19+) who are resident in Greater Manchester and who have Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities (including Mental Health Issues) into sustainable jobs, through coaching, skills development, ongoing support and the provision of qualifications.</p> <p>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>This is a re-release of an Invitation to Tender which was published in November 2007 and April 2008. The aim of the programme remains the same, though some of the wording of this specification has been amended to give greater clarity to potential applicants and the indicative unit cost has been increased to reflect the nature of the target group.</p> <p>This Specification must be read in conjunction with Skills for Jobs Introduction and Guidance</p> <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	

ESF PRIORITY 2: EMPLOYER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	ESF Funding
NW/EMPLOYER/S22	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area – Training In-Company Mentors to Support Employee Retention	Total ESF funding for this programme is £900,000 , of which £225,000 is available for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £675,000 is available for the rest of the Northwest.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S22 Mentoring_	
Aim	<p>This tender supports the post-employment phase of the Skills for Jobs Framework.</p> <p>The aim of this tender specification is to seek providers to deliver a comprehensive package of training and development to potential mentoring staff in the workplace. This package will enable employers to provide their own in-house support for newly recruited employees, particularly long term unemployed.</p> <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	

Reference	Title	ESF Funding
NW/EMPLOYER/S23	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area – Functional IT Skills in the Workplace	A total of £2,448,000 comprised of £720,000 for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £1,728,000 for the rest of the Northwest.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S23 IT Skills_	
Aim	<p>The aim of this Invitation to Tender is to respond to employer demand for functional IT training, recognising that increasingly, most employees now need to be able to use computers to enable them to be competent in their job role.</p> <p>This Tender Specification will provide ESF funding for individuals to undertake an ITQ Level 1, either alongside an NVQ/SfL qualification or as a standalone qualification.</p> <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S24	Greater Manchester and Merseyside Phasing-In Area – Pathway to NVQ Level 2	A total of £1,966,500 comprised of £1,090,500 for Greater Manchester and £876,000 for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S24 Pathway to L2_”	
Aim	<p>The Learning and Skills Council recognises that some employees who do not have an NVQ Level 2 or equivalent, may not be ready to undertake an NVQ Level 2 because they lack confidence or require personal development or would in some sectors benefit from first undertaking an NVQ Level 1.</p> <p>This Tender Specification will provide ESF funding for individuals to undertake a personal development programme or a vocationally relevant NVQ Level 1 if appropriate, to help them to progress to NVQ Level 2.</p> <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S25	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area – Workforce Development in Coaching and Instructing Occupations within the Sport, Fitness and Outdoor Industries	Total ESF funding for this programme is approximately £477,249 , of which £83,518 is available for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £393,731 is available for the rest of the Northwest.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S25 Coaching_”	
Aim	<p>To support workforce development within the Sport and Active Leisure Learning Sector by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling the paid and unpaid workforce to attain Level 2 and Level 3 National Governing Body Awards and technical qualifications within Sport, Fitness and Outdoor sub-sectors. • The LSC is making a contribution towards these qualifications to support progression within this industry and to ultimately increase the achievement of full NVQ Level 2 and 3 qualifications within the industry. <p>Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	

Reference	Title	ESF Funding
NW/EMPLOYER/S26	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Additional NVQ Level 2 and 3	The total value of this Tender Specification is £10,997,490 , of which £2,749,373 is available for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £8,248,117 is available for the rest of the Northwest.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S26 Additional L2&3_	
Aim	The aim of this tender specification is to support employers to develop their workforce through the delivery of additional NVQ level 2 and 3 qualifications. This provision is intended to enhance the Train to Gain offer by widening the range of employees who can benefit from LSC- funded training provision	
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NW/EMPLOYER/S27	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area – NVQ Level 4	A total of £672,271 is available, comprised of £523,701 for the Northwest including Halton and £148,570 for the Merseyside phasing-in area.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S27 NVQL4_”	
Aim	To support employers in the North West to develop their workforce and to raise regional skills levels by: <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. • 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	
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NW/EMPLOYER/S28	North West including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Train the Trainer	The overall funding available for this Tender Specification is £1,020,000 of which £249,750 is ring-fenced for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £770,250 is available for the rest of the Northwest
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S28 TraintheTrainer_	
Aim	To build additional assessor and verifier capacity in the region to support the expansion of Train to Gain and to develop further in-house training capabilities of employers as part of workforce development.	

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NW/EMPLOYER/S29	Northwest including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area – Meeting Skills Needs of Disadvantaged People in the Workforce	A total of £1,200,000 comprised of £300,000 for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area and £900,000 for the rest of the Northwest
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S29 Disadvantaged_	
Aim	<p>To support employers to develop their workforce through the delivery of training to disadvantaged adults who need training, skills development and support to increase their competence and enable them to sustain and progress in employment.</p> <p>This Tender Specification will provide ESF funding for individuals to undertake a personal development programme or a vocationally relevant NVQ Level 1 if appropriate, to help them to acquire skills that will make them more employable and more likely to progress to NVQ Level 2.</p> <p align="center">Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	
NW/EMPLOYER/S30	Northwest including the Merseyside Phasing-In Area - Supporting the growth in Apprenticeships for Adults	There is a total of £1,876,000 available for this programme, of which £1,407,000 is available for the North West and £469,000 is available for the Merseyside Phasing-In Area.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S30 AdultApps_	
Aim	<p>The recently published World-class Apprenticeships: Unlocking Talent, Building Skills for All clearly outlined the Government's commitment to expanding and strengthening the Apprenticeships programme including significant growth in Apprenticeships for those aged 25 or over.</p> <p>The aim of this tender specification is to support the growth in Apprenticeships for Adults in the North West region by providing funding for the Technical Certificate, Employment Rights and Functional Skills elements of apprenticeship frameworks where a provider has exhausted all other funding streams. The NVQ element should be funded through the Train to Gain route in order to complete full Apprenticeship frameworks.</p> <p align="center">Launch Date: 30th September 2008 Closing Date: 19th November 2008</p>	