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SUMMARY OF TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

ESF PRIORITY 1: ADULT TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/ADULT/S01	Cheshire & Warrington - Skills for Jobs – Routeways into Sustainable Employment	£973,242
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S01 Cheshire & Warrington - SKILLS FOR JOBS	
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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S02	Cumbria – Skills for Jobs – Routeways into Sustainable Employment	£532,021
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S02 Cumbria - SKILLS FOR JOBS	
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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/ADULT/S03	Greater Manchester – Skills for Jobs – The Individualised Routeway into Sustainable Employment	£2,000,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S03 Grtr Manchester - Skills for Jobs INDIVID	
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>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S04	Greater Manchester – Skills for Jobs – The Sector Routeway into Sustainable Employment	£1,743,127
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S04 Grtr Manchester - Skills for Jobs SECTOR	
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>Applications will need to make clear links to bespoke Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) services including the existing Nextstep service and enhanced services procured through LSC and DWP ESF Co-financing</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S05	Greater Merseyside excluding Halton – Routeways to Employment	£3,200,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S05 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - EMPLOYMENT	
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>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/ADULT/S06	Greater Merseyside excluding Halton – Skill Boost	£1,750,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S06 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - SKILL BOOST	
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>Skill Boost is a programme to maximise the opportunities for local people, particularly from disadvantaged groups and areas, to gain access to sustainable employment and training. LSCGM is seeking providers to deliver and co-ordinate an on demand “Skill Boost” component designed to deliver customised training linked with identified employer vacancies.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S07	Greater Merseyside excluding Halton - Enterprise Routeway	£1,100,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S07 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - ENTERPRISE	
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 specific aim of this tender specification is to engage unemployed/workless individuals in a programme of skills based activities (based on a tiered approach) that will explore potential opportunities provided by starting their own business, and then provide a customised programme of skills support with clear progression paths that will support unemployed/workless people to start their own business. It is envisaged that progression from this programme should be into self-employment, to more appropriate Business Start up support such as the New Entrepreneur Scholarships, Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) funded activity, regionally funded enterprise activity delivered locally by A4E and its sub-contractors etc or, where appropriate, progression to further skills training and support - e.g. through the Train to Gain service if [self] employment is an unsuitable option.</p> <p>Whilst many local workless people have seriously considered starting their own business (but perceive there to be significant and immovable/insurmountable barriers that prevent them from taking this step), many individuals have not even considered starting their own business - nor whether this potential employment route would better meet their personal individual and family circumstances.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S08	Greater Merseyside excluding Halton - Priority Sector Routeway	£6,600,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S08 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - PRIORITY	
Aim	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	

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	<p>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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S09	Greater Merseyside excluding Halton - Public Sector Routeway	£2,200,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S09 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - PUBLIC	
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 is a customised training programme focused at developing a Routeway into employment opportunities within existing and re-locating Public Sector organisations.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S10	Halton – Skill Boost	£60,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S10 Halton - SKILL BOOST	
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>Skill Boost is a programme to maximise the opportunities for local people, particularly from disadvantaged groups and areas, to gain access to sustainable employment and training. LSCGM is seeking providers to deliver and co-ordinate an on demand “Skill Boost” component designed to deliver customised training linked with identified employer vacancies.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/ADULT/S11	Halton – Priority Sector Routeway	£90,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S11 Halton - PRIORITY	
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>A programme 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"> • Public Sector • Port and Maritime industries • Logistics • Sport & Leisure • Tourism & Hospitality • Retail • Enterprise <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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	
		Funding: ESF Only
NW/ADULT/S12	Lancashire – Skills for Jobs – Routeways into Sustainable Employment	£1,993,000
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S12 Lancashire - SKILLS FOR JOBS	
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, 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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	
		Funding: ESF Only

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NW/ADULT/S13	Northwest – Pathways to Progress through Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG)	£1,919,997.
Bravo Filename	NW_A_S13 NorthWest - IAG	Halton – £44,195 Lancashire - £499,075 Greater Manchester - £999,829 Cumbria - £133,211 Cheshire and Warrington - £243,687
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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

ESF PRIORITY 1: OTHER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/OTHER/S01	Greater Merseyside including Halton – Routeway to Employment for People with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities	Total £4,266,743
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S01 Grtr Merseyside INC Halton - LLDD	Merseyside Phasing-in area – £4,150,000
Aim	<p>A programme to enhance supported employment opportunities for young people and adults with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities. The aim is for young people and adults to achieve equality of opportunity, social inclusion and integration into the mainstreams of society and sustainable employment in integrated settings.</p> <p>Revised Launch Date : 10 December 2007 . Closing Date 19 January 2008</p>	Halton - £116,743 Funding: ESF Only
NW/OTHER/S02	Northwest and Greater Merseyside – Skills for Jobs for Offenders	Total £3,000,000
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S02 NorthWest & Grtr Merseyside - OFFENDERS	<u>NORTH WEST</u>
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 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 many offenders will be serving their sentence in the community some ‘in reach’ work in prisons might be required. Applicants will need to take	Cheshire and Warrington (including Halton) £299,878 Cumbria

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	<p>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>Revised Launch Date : 10 December 2007 . Closing Date 19 January 2008</p>	<p>£138,762</p> <p>Greater Manchester £1,041,490</p> <p>Lancashire £519,870</p> <p><u>MERSEYSIDE</u> <u>'phasing In area</u> £1,000,000 Funding: ESF Only</p>
NW/OTHER/S03	Greater Manchester – The Employability Skills Routeway into Sustainable Employment	£250,000
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S03 Grtr Manchester - SUSTAINABLE	
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>Revised Launch Date: 10 December 2007 . Closing Date 19 January 2008</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/OTHER/S04	Northwest including Halton – Community Grants Co-ordinating Bodies	£1,296,210
Bravo Filename	NW_O_S04 NorthWest INC Halton - 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</p>	

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	supported through existing LSC or DWP mainstream provision, or ESF Co-Financing. Launch Date: 10 December 2007 . Closing Date 19 January 2008	Funding: ESF Only

ESF PRIORITY 1: YOUTH TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/YOUTH/S01	Cheshire & Warrington – Energisers	£400,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S01 Cheshire & Warrington - ENERGISERS	
Aim	To contact and re-engage some of the hardest to reach NEET young people by providing highly motivating activities plus IAG, leading to progression into learning/employment. The activity will aim to improve the rate of participation amongst this group of young people in post 16 learning or employment and must offer additional services to those which are already available through the Connexions service. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S02	Cheshire & Warrington – Learning and Support during Key Stage 4	£400,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S02 Cheshire & Warrington - KEY STAGE 4	
Aim	To identify young people during Key stage 4 who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from learning. To provide additional specialist support and personalised learning programmes including work related learning to prevent disengagement. The activity will aim to improve the rate of participation amongst this group of young people in post 16 learning or employment and should offer additional services to those which are already available through the Connexions Service. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S03	Cheshire & Warrington – Retention in Post 16 Learning	£400,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S03 Cheshire & Warrington - POST 16	
Aim	The aim of the programme is to ensure that all young people who join post-16 learning move through a clear and successful pathway of education, training or employment through to the age of 19. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S04	Cumbria – Reducing NEET in Cumbria	£668,253
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S04 Cumbria - NEET in CUMBRIA	
Aim	The aim of this project is to deliver imaginative and innovative projects to strengthen the transition into post 16 learning and employment for those young people at risk of disengaging, to re-engage those young people who	

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	<p>are currently not in education, employment or training, to improve participation in post 16 learning and develop greater inclusion at ages 14-19 and provide high quality routes into employment and further learning .</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S05	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Bolton	£769,145
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S05 Grtr Manchester - NEET in BOLTON	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 (both pre 16 and 16-19) in Bolton 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.</p> <p>To improve the participation rate of young people in post-16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S06	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Bury	£396,637
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S06 Grtr Manchester - NEET in BURY	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 (both pre 16 and 16-19) in Bury 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.</p> <p>To improve the participation rate of young people in post-16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S07	Greater Manchester – NEET Reduction in Manchester	£1,181,618
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S07 Grtr Manchester - NEET in MANCHESTER	
Aim	<p>To support the development of innovative and effective ways of working with specific groups of eligible young people aged 14-19 in the City of Manchester. In particular, those aged 16-18 who are currently not accessing employment, training or learning (NEET) or those aged 14-16 who are currently below the statutory school leaving age who are in full time education but are at risk of becoming disengaged.</p> <p>The aim of these activities will be to reduce the number of young people who fall into these categories. The parallel aim is to increase the number of young people accessing mainstream education and training post 16. These initiatives will support twin aims of increasing the number reaching Level 2 at 19 and increasing the likelihood of those individuals having a marketable qualification when they take up full time employment.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/YOUTH/S08	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Oldham	£ 549 712
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S08 Grtr Manchester - NEET in OLDHAM	
Aim	To work with those young people aged 14-19 (both pre 16 and 16-19) in Oldham who are currently outside of learning or who at risk of becoming disengaged and reduce the number of young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training. To improve the participation rate of young people in post-16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S09	Greater Manchester – NEET Reduction in Rochdale	£539,910
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S09 Grtr Manchester - NEET in ROCHDALE	
Aim	To support the development and delivery of effective ways of working with young people aged 14 – 19 in Rochdale who are currently in the NEET group (post-16) or who have been identified as at risk of disengagement and potentially becoming NEET (both pre-16 and post-16). The aim of activities to be delivered will be to increase participation and appropriate progression post-16, thus reducing numbers of young people in NEET and contributing towards L2 at 19 and employability targets. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S10	Greater Manchester – Prevention and Reduction of NEET Young People in Salford	£499,190
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S10 Grtr Manchester - NEET in SALFORD	
Aim	1) 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. 2) Implement innovative programmes to reduce the number of young people in Salford who are NEET aged 16-18, thereby also contributing to the City's attainment of level 2 by aged 19. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S11	Greater Manchester – Improving Life Chances in Stockport by Reducing the Number of Young People who are or may become NEET	£593,448
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S11 Grtr Manchester - LIFE CHANCES Stockport	
Aim	Develop and deliver a local approach based on a partnership between schools, colleges, training providers, youth services, Connexions, employers and others to reduce the number of young people who become NEET and strengthen the transition into post-16 learning and work.	

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	Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S12	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Tameside	£496,928
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S12 Grtr Manchester - NEET in TAMESIDE	
Aim	To develop and deliver a local approach based on a partnership between schools, colleges, training providers, youth services, Connexions, employers and others, to reduce the number of young people who become NEET, strengthen the transition and improve participation rates into post-16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment with training. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S13	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Trafford	£339,329
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S13 Grtr Manchester - NEET in TRAFFORD	
Aim	To reduce the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). To work with those young people aged 14-19 in Trafford who are currently outside of learning or who are at risk of becoming disengaged. To improve the participation rate of young people in post-16 learning and provide high quality routes to employment. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S14	Greater Manchester – Reducing NEET in Wigan	£866,419
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S14 Grtr Manchester - NEET in WIGAN	
Aim	To work in Partnership with key stakeholders across Wigan to develop innovative and effective ways of working with young people aged 14-19 who are disengaged or at risk of becoming disengaged and to reduce the number of young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). The aim of the activities is to improve transition from Pre-16 to Post 16 opportunities, to improve retention of young people in full time education and post 16 provision and to provide high quality routes to employment and further training/education. All projects to be endorsed by the 14-19 Strategy Group. Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S15	Greater Merseyside (excluding Halton) – Learning and Support during Key Stage 4 for those at Risk of Disengaging and Transition Support	£3,462,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S15 Grtr Merseyside EXC Halton - KEY STAGE 4	
Aim	To identify those young people who, during Key stage 4, are particularly at risk of disengaging from learning, and provide them with additional specialist support and personalised learning programmes including work related learning; and to strengthen the transition into post-16 learning for young people who, for a variety of	

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	<p>reasons, may find this a particularly difficult challenge.</p> <p>This is designed to improve the rate of participation amongst this group of young people in post 16 learning or employment.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S16	Greater Merseyside including Halton – Retention in Post 16 Learning	£3,637,827
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S16 Grtr Merseyside INC Halton - POST 16	
Aim	<p>The aim of the programme is to ensure that all young people who join post-16 learning move through a clear and successful pathway of education, training or employment through to the age of 19.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S17	Greater Merseyside including Halton – Progression Pathways Programme	£5,805,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S17 Grtr Merseyside INC Halton - PROGRESSION	
Aim	<p>The aim of the programme is to ensure that there is suitable employment focused training provision available for those young people who, for a variety of reasons, are not yet ready to enter mainstream programmes (e.g. E2E, FE, Apprenticeship, Jobcentre Plus provision) or employment.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S18	Lancashire – Reducing NEET in Blackburn with Darwen	£700,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S18 Lancashire - NEET in BLACKBURN w DARWEN	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 in Blackburn with Darwen 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</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/YOUTH/S19	Lancashire – Reducing NEET in Blackpool	£700,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S19 Lancashire - NEET in BLACKPOOL	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 in Blackpool 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 learning.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/YOUTH/S20	Lancashire – Reducing NEET in Lancashire Local Authority Area	£1,400,000
Bravo Filename	NW_Y_S20 Lancashire - NEET in LANCASHIRE	
Aim	<p>To work with those young people aged 14-19 in Lancashire LA area 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>This tender specifically focuses on the following geographic areas: Preston, Chorley & South Ribble Burnley & Pendle, Hyndburn and Lancaster & Morecambe.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only

ESF PRIORITY 2: EMPLOYER TENDER SPECIFICATIONS

Reference	Title	Funding
NW/EMPLOYER/S01	Greater Merseyside including Halton – Inward Investor and Restructuring Large Company Response Programme	Total ESF funding for this programme is £3,680,000 for Merseyside and £120,000 for Halton.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S01 Grtr Merseyside INC Halton - INVESTOR	
Aim	<p>This programme will act as a rapid response fund for skills development to inward investing, expanding and restructuring large companies in order to gain access to their supply chain OR assist staff back into the labour market following the announcement of redundancies.</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 companies is paramount. Providers are expected to develop a variety of bespoke solutions depending upon the needs identified by the employer</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S02	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Marketing and Communications Campaign for the LSC’s Holistic Skills Offer to Employers	£1,500,000.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S02 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea HOLISTIC	
Aim	<p>The Learning and Skills Council is seeking to appoint a single organisation or consortium of organisations to develop, and deliver, a marketing and communications strategy that will engage large and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and employer facing intermediaries across the Merseyside sub-region.</p> <p>The aim of the programme is to design and deliver a major marketing campaign with the necessary</p>	

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	<p>technical support to raise awareness of, and encourage engagement in, the LSC's skills offer to employers including programmes to provide skills for adults and young people into employment. The successful applicant must also be capable of bringing the employment and skills agenda together within a set of coherent messages. One of the primary mechanisms for achieving this will be through the development of a toolkit for use by intermediaries.</p> <p>Withdrawn. To be reissued in 2008.</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S03	Greater Merseyside – Skillworks	£10,200,000.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S03 Grtr Merseyside - 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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S04	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Capital of Culture Badged Apprenticeship Programme for the Retail, Tourism and Hospitality, and Sport and Leisure Sectors	£150,000.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S04 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea BADGED	
Aim	<p>This programme will seek to add value to the current Apprenticeship Programmes by providing a cultural learning element linked to Capital of Culture 2008.</p> <p>Young people from across Merseyside currently undertaking, or wishing to undertake, an apprenticeship programme within the key related sectors of retail, tourism and hospitality and leisure sectors will have access to an enhanced menu of themed learning and skills activities/experiences relating to the European Capital of Culture.</p> <p>LSCGM is seeking an applicant to develop and submit proposals for, and manage, the co-ordination and delivery of, a programme of high quality opportunities for young people that are focussed on Capital of Culture and its associated themed years and planned activities.</p> <p>These activities may be delivered as an additional element to their existing programme of learning and/or as an innovative but integrated part of their apprenticeship framework. Individuals will receive a Liverpool Capital of Culture 08 Badged Certificate to evidence completion of a cultural element to their programme;</p>	

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	<p>this may be issued in advance or alongside any certificates issued for completion and achievement of their main apprenticeship framework.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S05	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Higher Education Enterprise Skills Routeway	£900,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S05 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea HE	
Aim	<p>To procure a customised learning programme that offers students within Higher Education (College and Universities) relevant business skills and business planning (and in particular support them during their ‘gap year’/ ‘year out’ or where timescales allow, during the summer break), to start their own businesses, or experience an entrepreneurial work placement as part of their studies. As a guiding principle, participation must support the student to experience the benefits of self employment enabling them to complete their programme of studies and make informed choices re their future employment route.</p> <p>This opportunity consists of a Routeway, ultimately, into self employment.</p> <p>Through this programme, the LSC would wish for any proposals submitted to be aligned with and adding value to, existing enterprise activity of this type. The deliverer must be able to work with student intermediaries- such as Careers Advisers, Personal Tutors, Student Unions and Connexions.</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S06	North West & Greater Merseyside – Employee Engagement	A total of £1,525,683 comprised of
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S06 NorthWest - EMPLOYEE	
Aim	<p>The LSC recognises the benefits of stimulating skills development in the workplace by engaging directly with employees. This may be skills directly associated with the contribution to the business but may also include those economically valuable skills to enable employees to secure work elsewhere.</p> <p>These funds will deliver a range of projects which stimulate employees to develop their skills, working through existing peer group support mechanisms such as Union Learning Representatives and the development of a network of Learning Advocates (Learning Advocates are essentially learning reps in non unionised workplaces</p> <p>Includes the Merseyside ‘phasing in’ area</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	<p>£1,073,261 for the North West excluding Merseyside</p> <p>Merseyside phasing in area</p> <p>£452,422 for</p> <p>Funding: ESF Only</p>
NW/EMPLOYER/S07	North West & Greater Merseyside – Train the Trainer	£1,782,668
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S07 NorthWest & Grtr Merseyside - TRAIN	

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Aim	<p>The aim of this project is 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 through to 2010.</p> <p>Includes the Merseyside 'phasing in' area</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	<p>Northwest (including Halton) - £1,431,015</p> <p>Merseyside phasing-in area – £351,653</p> <p>Funding: ESF Only</p>
NW/EMPLOYER/S08	North West including Halton – Skills Pledge Plus	£1,350,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S08 NorthWest INC Halton - 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>Excludes the Merseyside 'phasing in' area</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S09	North West (including Merseyside Phasing-In Area) – Skills for Life Capacity Building	Total funding £528,184.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S09 NorthWest INC Merseyside PhasingInArea - LIFE	
Aim	<p>To co-ordinate Skills for Life professional development (particularly numeracy) in the region, working with providers and signposting individuals/organisations</p> <p>Includes the Merseyside 'phasing in' area</p> <p>Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	<p>Split as follows:</p> <p>Northwest (including Halton) - £369,729</p> <p>Merseyside phasing-in area - £158,455</p> <p>Funding: ESF Only</p>
NW/EMPLOYER/S10	NorthWest (excluding the Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Apprenticeships Accelerated Programme Led Pathway Support	£75,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S10 NorthWest EXC Merseyside PhasingInArea - PLP	
Aim	<p>To work with Accelerated Programme Led Pathway (APLP) providers to ensure that they are able to learn from existing, or quickly develop excellent practices in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the transition from Programme-led into Employed status Apprenticeships, • Engaging employers to employ Apprentices on completion of the Programme-led phase; • Ensuring the APLP programme results a corresponding headline increase in Employed-status 	

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	Apprenticeships Launch Date : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S11	Greater Merseyside (Merseyside Phasing-in Area) – Employer Pool and Integrated Career Development Mentoring Programme	£1,500,000
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S11 Grtr Merseyside PhasingInArea MENTOR	
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 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 : 19 November 2007 . Closing Date 21 December 2007</p>	Funding: ESF Only
NW/EMPLOYER/S12	Northwest including Merseyside – Pathway to NVQ Level 2	A total of £12,252,325 comprised of £8,399,435 for the Northwest excluding Merseyside and £3,852,890 for Merseyside.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S12 NorthWest INC Merseyside - PATHL2	
Aim	<p>The Learning and Skills Council recognises that some employees, often in low skilled job roles, who do not have an NVQ Level 2 or equivalent, may not be ready to undertake an NVQ Level 2 because they may lack confidence or require personal development or would in some sectors benefit from undertaking an NVQ Level 1 first.</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, which should enable the majority of learners to progress to an NVQ Level 2. It is not intended that this programme will fund separate Skills for Life (SfL) qualifications as they are already funded through Train to Gain and/or the European Social Fund (Skills for Life Plus Tender Specification).</p>	
Dates	Launch : 10 December 2007: Closing Date 18 January 2008	Funding: ESF Only

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NW/EMPLOYER/S13	Northwest including Merseyside -First NVQ Level 2 and Vocationally Relevant Second NVQ Level 2	Train to Gain Funding First NVQ Level 2 (inc Level 3 jumpers)
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S13 NorthWest INC Merseyside - NVQL2	
Aim	<p>To support workforce development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling employees who do not hold a NVQ Level 2 or equivalent to achieve their first full NVQ Level 2* at no cost to their employer, funded through Train to Gain. Enabling employees who already hold an NVQ Level 2 or equivalent (or higher qualification), to acquire a vocationally relevant NVQ Level 2* at a subsidised cost to the employer, funded through ESF. <p>Note: including NVQ Level 3 “jumpers” where this is appropriate for the learner. Level 3 “jumpers” are those learners whose initial assessment and job role indicates that they would benefit from undertaking an NVQ Level 3 rather than an NVQ Level 2. The funding is the same as that for NVQ Level 2.</p> <p>It is not intended that this programme will fund separate Skills for Life (SfL) qualifications as they are already funded through Train to Gain and the European Social Fund (Skills for Life Plus Tender Specification).</p> <p>Note this ITT has two elements and is partially funded by TTG and partially by ESF</p>	<p>A total of £13,164,000 for the Northwest including Merseyside.</p> <p>ESF Funding Second NVQ Level 2 (in Level 3 jumpers) A total of £17,197,791 comprised of £11,143,250 for the Northwest including Halton and £6,054,541 for the Merseyside phasing-in area.</p>
Dates	Launch : 10 December 2007: Closing Date 18 January 2008	Funding: Train to Gain and ESF
NW/EMPLOYER/S14	Northwest including Merseyside – Skills for Life Plus	TRAIN TO GAIN A total of £1,836,000 for the North West including Merseyside.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S14 NorthWest INC Merseyside - SKILLS	
Aim	<p>To ensure that the offer of Skills for Life supports all eligible employees to progress towards achieving a first full NVQ Level 2 or NVQ Level 3 and to develop provider capacity to meet the expansion of Skills for Life (SfL) programmes particularly for Numeracy. This provision will be funded partly through Train to Gain and partly through ESF, as set out later in this tender specification.</p> <p>Note this ITT has two elements and is partially funded by TTG and partially by ESF</p>	<p>ESF North West excluding Merseyside - £2,011,583</p> <p>Merseyside phasing-in area - £663,371</p>

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Dates	Launch : 10 December 2007: Closing Date 18 January 2008	Funding: Train to Gain and ESF
NW/EMPLOYER/S15	Northwest including Merseyside – NVQ Level 3	A total of £10,975,200 for the Northwest including Merseyside.
Bravo Filename	NW_E_S15 NorthWest INC Merseyside - NVQL3	
Aim	<p>To support workforce development by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling employees who do not hold a NVQ Level 3 or equivalent to achieve their first full NVQ Level 3, at a subsidised cost to the employer • Enabling employees who already hold an NVQ Level 3 or equivalent (or higher qualification), to acquire a vocationally relevant NVQ Level 3 at a subsidised cost to the employer. <p>This activity which is entirely funded via Train to Gain monies</p>	
Dates	Launch : 10 December 2007: Closing Date 18 January 2008	Funding: Train to Gain Only