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Questions and Answers

- Q** Will Jobcentre Plus be the prime contractor?
A No. Jobcentre Plus is part of the Department for Work and Pensions, and as a co-financing organisation will not be able to deliver the programme.
- Q** Will contracts be for the whole length of the new programme 2007/2013?
A At this stage both co-financing bodies will be contracting with projects for up to a three-year period.
- Q** How do you intend to engage with micro businesses?
A It will be the responsibility of applicants to inform us through the bidding process how they intend to engage with all beneficiaries including businesses and sectors.
- Q** What mechanisms are you going to put in place to support partnerships during the tendering process?
A As co-financing organisations we are unable to facilitate partnership working. This is one of the reasons for the event today to enable you to network between yourselves. It is important that you build relationships and partnerships between you but we are unable to coordinate this process.
- Q** How will LSC/Jobcentre Plus ensure that there is no overlap between their tenders?
A The LSC and Jobcentre Plus are working closely together to ensure that there are no overlaps between the tenders that we publish.
- Q** What are the links to ERDF?
A Links to ERDF will be identified where applicable and these will need to be referred to within applications.
- Q** Will Neighbourhood Action Teams (NAT) be in the same areas as the local groups being set up through the One Cornwall process?
A No. Neighbourhood Action Teams will cover specific areas where the concentrations of worklessness are highest.

- Q Under the 14-19 aspects are all the projects to focus on NEETs?
A The Convergence framework has set out the focus of the funding as part of this focus is on NEETs. Therefore within our respective tenders it will follow that we also focus upon NEETs and those at risk of becoming NEET.
- Q Does level 2 include second level 2s?
A Again detail will be in the tenders but yes there is likely to be funding available for second level 2s.
- Q Where do research projects fit in?
A There will be a requirement for some research activities and this will be within future published detail. This aspect is likely to fall under the HE element for the region.
- Q If we are doing community grants will this include Kite Mark activities?
A The final arrangements for community grants have not yet been agreed. But the types of activities that are to be funded will include Kite Mark.
- Q Can you publicise the attendee list?
A This is now on the LSC website.
<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/SouthWest/esf/>
- Q Is there any clarity on match for the HE aspect?
A The mechanisms for the HE element of the regional programme are still being finalised and as such this aspect has not been agreed.