

## Questions and Answers

### LSC ESF Co-financing ITT Workshop - Competitiveness

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#### SPECIFICATION - SOUTH WEST SKILLS FOR LIFE CPD PROJECT

- Q Are you looking for just one organisation to lead a regional bid?  
A We are open to applications from any organisations that wish to bid, but in the specification it does specify that we are primarily looking for a cross-region bid. If bids are good and cover parts of the region they will of course be considered, but ideally we are looking to have one contract.
- Q What is the Lightbulb training on page 11 and 13 of the specification?  
A This is a Learning South West project – to build confidence in addressing Skills for Life issues.
- Q The specification mentions four co-ordinators for 5 areas – how does this work?  
A It is envisaged that we would need 4 co-ordinators to cover the 5 LSC areas.
- Q PDCs will be working with those teaching Skills for Life learners, how do you know if the learners that achieve are down to our intervention?  
A The expected outcomes are focused on learner starts linked to the formal development of provider Action Planning undertaken in with or in consultation with the PDC, as a result of which, the Provider will be more effective at delivering Skills for Life learning.
- Q Are you expecting ILRs for 1,200 learners?  
A We will need evidence of learner starts, such as copy ILRs, but we will be open to discuss other potential evidence sources. We would want to see growth in the Skills for Life provision with the providers who have developed an Action Plan with the PCD.
- Q What benefit would this be to the Provider?  
A It develops Skills for Life capacity, as a result of which we would expect to see an increase in their learner starts and evidence shows improved vocational qualification success rates as a result of effective assessment, planning and delivery of Skills for Life provision. We would work with the successful provider at pre-contract stage to determine the most relevant method for them to evidence those additional starts.
- Q Page 9 of the specification talks about Providers (15 out of 20) must deliver through Train to Gain, which are not involved with... Some Providers will be involved.  
A If the collaboration is contributing to improved success of the targeted Provider this will be acceptable – as long as it is not duplicating other support from the LSC or our partners/funders, However, we wish to target Providers who do not currently benefit from other enhanced support opportunities .

- Q Are you setting criteria for the selection of PDCs, ie can they be existing practitioners?
- A This will be looked at during the application stage – but it doesn't have to be new people; it could utilise the existing skills and experience available within the region, it is as open as it infers in the specification.