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- The Oldham College
- The Prince's Trust
- TNG
- Warrington Collegiate
- WWV

Name of Organisation	Armstrong Learning Group
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North West (clusters 2 and 3) West Midlands East of England
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Area of Activity	Adults / employability / mentoring / creative industries
Description of Activity (in 500 words) The Armstrong Learning Group has the knowledge, skills and capability to support individuals with multiple/diverse barriers to job entry. We have been a provider of welfare to work services since 2003.	

Our longstanding track record includes Work Programme, Flexible New Deal, New Deal FTET, Gateway to Work, New Deal for Musicians (national contract to deliver NDfM across England) and Mentoring provision.

Access to Music, a wholly owned subsidiary of Armstrong Learning, is the UK's leading designer and provider of popular music education, training and consultancy. We have a national coverage and operate from a series of centres across the UK. In addition to providing music and creative industries vocational training, our provision equips our learners with valuable life skills which can be transferred to any occupation.

Key Strengths

- **Flexibility of delivery** – ability to deliver in local establishments and provide continuity of provision through the gate via our network regional centres.
- **Creativity** – experienced in using music and the creative industries to engage participants in provision (e.g. NDfM, Access to Music and SFA ESF NEET contract)
- **Employability Skills / Job Clubs (individuals with less than 12 months to serve)** – devise negotiated individual action plans (incremental objectives, step wise progression). Individuals gain confidence and motivation as milestones are achieved. Provision would include a range of specific return to work modules (tailored to QCF accredited provision), for example:
 - **Realistic jobs** – Develops awareness of learners understanding of barriers to learning and progress/employment, encourages learners to identify own skills and strengths in order to prepare them for their desired progression route.
 - **Effective job search** – Identify transferable work skills, assess own employability skills and strengths from past experiences, check the skills required for advertised local jobs
 - **Finding and securing employment** – Understanding the importance of completing application forms effectively, identify and understand the associated language found on application forms, recognise the common errors made when completing application forms, generate awareness of the importance of an effective and confident telephone manner in work situations and for job search, ensure clients know how to prepare and act appropriately at a job interview, CV writing, demonstrate awareness of perceptions and impact of verbal and non verbal communication
 - **Skills for work** – Time management, interpersonal skills, communication, teamwork, problem solving
 - **Motivation and confidence building** – Providing an awareness of the importance of goal setting and the importance of motivation in securing employment
- **Innovation** – use specialist Mentors to engage with and retain customer involvement. We are a Mentoring and Befriending Society approved provider. Mentors provide 1:1 support and encouragement and give the mentees the confidence to achieve their goals. Our trained and experienced mentors provide empathy and understanding; they are experienced in drilling down to identify the key issues to be addressed before the individual can progress into sustained employment.
- **Continuity** – Deliver Job Club / employability provision in each establishment, ensuring that individuals have the skills and mindset required to secure employment upon their release. Training will be provided on the skills required for a comprehensive job search including: compilation of a curriculum vitae, how to undertake a structured job search, how to complete application forms, how to write speculative letters and improving and developing selection interview techniques. We will help individuals to identify local job vacancies.
- **Post Release Support & Tracking** – Our customised in-house management information system could be used to track participants following their release. This will provide comprehensive information on the number of ex-offenders who secure and remain in employment. The individuals would receive continued supported from our team of mentors via a freephone number. SMS and

tele-mentoring provides easy access, two-way communication and support, particularly at time of crisis.

- **Self Employment Advice** – We are experienced in providing self-employment advice and guidance. Armstrong Learning was the New Deal for Musicians prime contractor across England. Self employment was one of the key routes into employment for NDfM customers, ~30 per cent of outcomes were into self employment.

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Name of organisation	Back on Track
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North West Cluster 2 (HMP Buckley Hall, HMP Styall, HMP Manchester, HMP Stoke Heath)
Named contact	David Fisher
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Area of activity	Training, mentoring, IAG, volunteering, through-the-gate support
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Back on Track has been working with offenders in Greater Manchester (both on probation and in prison) since 1977. We provide broad-based learning and skills services. We are regularly in HMP Manchester and HMP Buckley Hall, and have been contracted by Probation and The Manchester College to provide offender learning services.</p> <p>We are particularly interested in working on through-the-gate elements of the OLASS work (planning for release, release process, post-release)</p> <p>Training provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literacy and numeracy assessments and training - Arts and crafts - Introductory vocational training (e.g. intro to catering and hospitality) - Computer skills - Soft skills embedded into other topics <p>We offer both accredited and non-accredited training. We have our own training centre (central Manchester) and also work from satellite locations across Greater Manchester. We use a 'roll-on, roll-off' approach (i.e. it's possible to start a course at any time) which is particularly suitable for offenders on release, and we provide progression support into mainstream opportunities / employment,</p> <p>IAG support – we are a matrix accredited provider of IAG</p> <p>Mentoring – we hold the national quality standard for mentoring and befriending services (the Approved Provider Standard)</p>	

Work experience / volunteering – we run very successful programmes to engage offenders in voluntary work and progress to longer term work experience.

Visit www.backontrackmanchester.org.uk

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Name of Organisation	Blackburne House
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North West (per ITT 29181) Especially Cluster 2 (HMP Buckley Hall, HMP Styal, HMP Manchester, HMP Stoke Heath)
Named Contact	Maire Gollock
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Area of Activity	Education and Skills Training, Action Learning Sets, Mentoring, Enterprise, Volunteering, Through-the-gate support, Work experience/placements and Job Opportunities, Personal Development including Job Seeking Skills
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Blackburne House is women's organisation located in and primarily serving one of the most socio-economically disadvantaged communities of the UK: Toxteth, in inner-city Liverpool, often referred to and known by its post-code, Liverpool 8. This is a largely black and minority ethnic area, with a rich mix of faiths and cultures ... so our social impact is specifically on the groups and communities the majority of organisations fail to impact upon with their services, whether defined in terms of gender equality, social disadvantage, ethnicity, culture or faith.</p> <p>There are two distinct sides to Blackburne House: Blackburne House the provider of education, learning and skills programmes for women and Blackburne House the women's enterprise development organisation. The distinctiveness of our social impact and its intensity is really down to the combination of these two aspects of our organisation: education and enterprise, or more specifically in terms of social impact, education through enterprise.</p> <p>We have been delivering Skills Funding Agency/LSC and other programmes since 1983 to many thousands of women, many of whom would not have engaged with programmes in the mainstream sector, for example at an FE college. We have around 800 learners per year at our Women's Technology Training Centre (Blackburne House Education), and this figure rises to over 1,200 when considering our various other enterprise programmes, such as our School for Social Entrepreneurs and Brava Design. The scope of our work includes vocational education and training for young and adult women across a wide range of areas, including Construction, Health, ICT, Housing, Leadership, Teacher Training, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and innovative programmes such as our CANDY course for young women who are hardest-to-reach.</p> <p>We have developed services and businesses using our innovative approach of education and</p>	

training through enterprise:

Cafe Bar

Women's Health and Well Being Suite: The Health Place

Conferencing/Events Business

Children's Nursery

Brava Design (Award-winning Website and Graphic Design Company)

North West School for Social Entrepreneurs

Hope Street Honey (National Winners of the Green Award – evidence of our innovation in delivering greener social impact)

BH Maintenance Women's Social Enterprise

Women's Construction Training Academy

Business and Enterprise Course for Young Women: The group won Best Product Award in the Young Enterprise North West competition, beating some of the schools from which these young women had been excluded.

Contracts with the UK Border Agency for the integration of migrant women into British society

We lead/are the accountable body for a number of groups: the Merseyside Voluntary Organisation Learners' Association (VOLA), the Lone-Parents' Forum and, nationally, our Chief Executive, Claire Dove MBE DL, Chairs the Social Enterprise Coalition.

We have been formally recognised as one of the most influential social enterprises in the North West, having been awarded the nationally recognised Social Enterprise Mark. Launched in February 2010, which recognises businesses that meet highly defined criteria of social enterprise, high standards of sustainable business practice and offer a benefit to their community. Another winner in the North West to receive this award is Cooperative Group; Manchester.

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Name of Organisation	Building Engineering Services Training Ltd (BEST Ltd)
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Northwest, West Midlands, East Midlands, Yorkshire & Humberside – All clusters/prisons
Named Contact	Andrea Sharp
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Area of Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to Building Engineering Services L1 & L2• Key /Functional Skills• Electrical• ILM
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	

Building Engineering Services Training Ltd (BEST Ltd) is a national lead provider for Skills Funding Agency apprentice training for 16-18, 19-24 and 25+ in Heating & Ventilating, Refrigeration and Electrical Services.

BEST Ltd is the training subsidiary of the industry trade association HVCAR and has strong and established engagement with a large number of employers throughout the UK to include major contractors and their SME supply chain.

Work readiness utilises QCF pre employment and motivational training modules to young people aged 16-19 at risk of or currently classified as NEET. Encouraging progress towards industry recognised qualifications including a range of 'soft skills', including communication, teamwork and problem solving skills, and improved numerical and IT skills.

BEST Ltd hold substantial contracts with the SFA and have established Quality Assurance, Equality and Diversity, Health & Safety, Management Information and Environmental policies and operational processes in place.

Our Training Advisors and Assessors are all industry qualified, CRB registered and based throughout the country. BEST Ltd is accredited to City & Guilds, ILM and EAL, and are PTLLS, MATRIX IAG accredited

BEST Ltd has a proven record of working with young persons, Connexions, Job Centres, colleges and employers.

In particular our experience in the Yorkshire area running a 'Yorkshire Initiative' working with JCP (Job Centre Plus) and the long termed unemployed, training them to Level 2 in Heating and Ventilating and securing has secured them sustained employment.

BEST Ltd has the ability and flexibility to deliver end to end OLASS Provision 4 in the following units:

- Diagnostic and planning
- Careers Information and action planning
- Employability
- Confidence and motivation
- Skills for Life assessment and Training
- Vocational training including employer-led routes
- Signposting
- Self Employment
- Key Skills/Functional Skills
- Apprenticeships
- Mentoring and nurturing
- Leadership
- Referrals for mainstream provision

Community based Programmes

Apprenticeships

NEET's - Work Programme

Apprenticeship Expansion Programme

Up skilling existing employers

Accreditations:

Ofsted inspection August 2007

- (Overall grade 2 – Good)
- (Capacity to change grade 1 – Outstanding)

Matrix

Investors in People

Institute of Safety and Health

Approved centre status:

EAL

City & Guilds

ILM

JIB (Electrical)

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Name of Organisation	Boothford Education & Skills Training (BEST) Ltd
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North East (per ITT 29180) North West (per ITT 29181) Yorkshire Humber (per ITT 29182)
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Area of Activity	Education & Skills Training
<p>Description of Activity (in 500 words) BEST Ltd is a Middlesbrough-based SME education and training provider, serving the Tees Valley and beyond. BEST Ltd began trading in August 2009 and since then the company has built a reputation for delivering high-quality school-based tuition programmes in both English and Maths. Our tuition programmes are designed to help underachieving students make progress in these key curriculum areas.</p> <p>Our success can be attributed to our talented and experienced staff. Individually and collectively, they bring a wealth of teaching skills, experience and expertise to BEST Ltd. Our teachers are fully qualified and vetted with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a PGCE, Cert. Ed. or equivalent; • a clean Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check; • years of teaching experience across the 11-16, post-16 and adult sectors; • relevant vocational experience where applicable. <p>As experienced teachers, our staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have successfully taught programmes of study at Entry Level, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3; • are skilled at delivering individual, paired, small-group and whole-class teaching; • have taught across the full age and ability range, including disadvantaged learners and those with learning difficulties; • can collectively offer a broad range of additional subject specialisms (such as Science, History, 	

Geography, Psychology, Drama and Art, and more vocational academic subjects such as Business Studies, Travel and Tourism and Law).

Accordingly, we believe BEST Ltd has the necessary capacity and capability to successfully deliver a range of services under the OLASS Phase 4 provision. In particular, we would welcome the opportunity to sub-contract provision in the following areas:

- providing initial assessment for Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL needs;
- delivering basic and functional skills qualifications in Literacy, Numeracy, ESOL and ICT (either as stand-alone or embedded qualifications);
- supporting basic skills for the core 'out of scope' areas;
- developing the employability skills of prisoners;
- delivering Ofqual regulated qualifications at Levels 2 and/or 3 per the subject specialisms of our staff;
- providing opportunities for prisoners to learn the business skills needed for self-employment;
- delivering informal adult learning programmes.

Naturally BEST Ltd would not wish to exclude themselves from delivering other areas of provision. We would, therefore, be pleased to discuss any such additional areas with Lead Providers.

If you would like to arrange a free 'no obligation' meeting to discuss how BEST Ltd could help your organisation deliver your contracted OLASS provision, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the contact details listed above.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your time and consideration of the opportunities afforded by BEST Ltd. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Name of organisation	Carillion Training Services
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Kent Cluster -Sheppey/Rochester/Canterbury Maidstone London Clusters East Midlands – Hull West Midlands – Birmingham North West -Manchester/Liverpool North East Clusters South West – Bristol
Named contact	Keith Donnelly
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Area of activity	Construction Vocational Training
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Carillion is a major construction services firm and also operates a national network of training centres, delivering training and assessment to young people and unemployed adults.</p> <p>Carillion is also the largest employer of apprentices in construction.</p> <p>We are able to deliver outreach training to offenders in secure establishments and bespoke training courses at one of our training centres.</p> <p>All Carillion centres are fully equipped and staffed with experienced trainer/assessors. The centres can offer or support a range of courses in the main building trades and specialist occupations, the centres are fully accredited to deliver level 1,2 and 3 QCF diplomas and level 1, 2 and 3 NVQ's.</p>	

Carillion is the main training partner for the Princes Trust 'Get into Construction' programme and we are experienced in delivering short courses to prepare young people, with challenging backgrounds and behaviours, for jobs in the construction industry.

With the support of our operating businesses and internal labour/recruitment agency, we are able to access employment opportunities and progression onto apprenticeships, particularly for younger offenders.

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Name of Organisation	Clean Break
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Women's Estate, London post-release: North East 1 (Low Newton) North West 2 (Styal) Yorks & Humberside 4 (New Hall and Askham Grange) South West 1 (Eastwood Park) West Mids 4 (Drake Hall and Foston Hall) London 1 (Downview, Holloway, Send) Kent & Sussex 2 (East Sutton Park)
Named Contact	Imogen Ashby / Elly Shepherd
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Email	lucy.perman@cleanbreak.org.uk elly.shepherd@cleanbreak.org.uk
Area of Activity	Theatre based education interventions with women offenders
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>For this contract, Clean Break can provide arts based education (theatre and writing) to women in prison through residencies and workshops, and to women leaving prison through our London based theatre, education and training programme.</p> <p>Our driving belief is that theatre and drama makes a meaningful difference to the lives of women offenders and women ex offenders. Through our 32 years of experience, we have shown that the theatre provides an excellent route into women's untapped potential, and are particularly relevant and accessible to marginalised and excluded</p>	

learners who have failed in, and been failed by, formal education settings. Recent research conducted with New Philanthropy Capital demonstrated savings of £6.90 for every £1 invested in Clean Break through reduced re-offending and increased economic activity.

Prison Residencies and Workshops

We have run numerous award winning residencies (Koestler Bronze Award 2011, Koestler Gold Award 2010) in prisons, using theatre and writing to work with and educate women in prisons across the UK. We reach approximately 400 women a year in prisons through our residencies and workshops.

The aims of residencies are to:

- generate material that is relevant and exciting and that the prisoners can relate to.
- develop relevant artistic skills (writing, performing etc)
- enable every member of the group to have a role and to contribute
- increase the soft skills (including group work skills and self confidence) of participants
- improve life chances for women by offering internally and externally accredited qualifications and progression opportunities.

We inspire the prisoners through theatre and writing using Clean Break’s extensive track record of engaging this “hard to reach” client group. Prison staff at HMP Askham Grange, where we conducted a recent residency, observed that our work ‘enabled each individual to have a sense of achievement’ (staff member, HMP Askham Grange July 2011).

The prisoners also talked about the value of the work in their feedback:

- ‘I could see the difference in other group members’
- ‘I can read off script and have confidence in my work.’
- ‘Thank you for helping me believe in myself.’

Resettlement Work

We work intensively with around 100 women offenders / those at risk at our London based studios, including those recently released from prisons into the London area and women on ROTL from London prisons. We have a wide programme of courses ranging from Self Development courses to accredited performance based courses (OCN Level 3). All women on our courses receive holistic one on one support from experienced staff and travel and childcare expenses to facilitate their learning. In addition we support approximately 20 women a year to move into supported long term volunteering with arts organisations. We have enormous success moving our women onto meaningful activities - of our last cohort of graduating students, 71% were in further education, long term volunteering placements or work six months after leaving Clean Break. Additionally, of the New Philanthropy Capital sample group, 66% were confirmed to have not re-offended nine months after leaving (the remaining 33% were not in contact with us).

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Name of Organisation	County Training
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Shrewsbury Prison and Stoke Heath YOI
Named Contact	Kevin Humphreys
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Area of Activity	Vocational training, skills for life delivery, employability skills delivery
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	

We have training centres and staff close to both institutions, our Shrewsbury centre is one mile away from the prison and we have centres in Whitchurch and Market Drayton which are within 5 miles of Stoke Heath. We currently deliver Apprenticeships and the Work Programme as sub contractors to ESG and CIRCO. We have previously delivered OLASS provision and skills for life to offenders on release and to probation service clients and to prisoners in custody. We have exceptional links with local JCP offices and employers. We have delivered this type of provision in Shropshire for over 25 years and we are part of Shropshire Council. In our last OFSTED in February 2011 we were graded as 2 for every part of our delivery.

We could deliver a wide range of vocational qualifications, Skills for Life and ESOL, and employability skills qualifications which would cover all of the search for work skills, personal and social development etc

Our tutors are used to working with offenders and disaffected learners and we have a strong track record of enabling learners to complete qualifications and move into work.

As we currently offer both Apprenticeships and the Work Programme in the area we can demonstrate a verity clear progression route, outstanding LMI and Links with JCP and high quality delivery.

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Name of organisation	Financial Skills Academy
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North West
Named contact	Martyn Rhodes
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Area of activity	Course in Money Management
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>The company has a 20 year background in Financial Services. For the last eight years I have been delivering a course in Money Management to TNG's around the North West. It is a bespoke Level 1 Finance Course and is nationally accredited by NCFE. The course covers six units:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budgeting and cashflow 2. Mortgages and loans 3. Profit & Loss accounts and balance sheets 4. Savings and investments 5. Pensions and insurance 	

6. Basic principals of finance

At the end of the course the clients sit an exam to prove their understanding of the subject matter and certificates are provided.

It is a Level 1 Qualification and all we are trying to do is give the clients a basic understanding and knowledge of financial matters.

The course has proved very popular with TNG's all over the North West and I would like to deliver the course on a wider scale.

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Name of organisation	Fusion21
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North West
Named contact	Jan Agger
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Area of activity	Accredited Vocational Training, IAG, Mentoring, Volunteering, Through the Gate, Real Employment Opportunities

Description of activity (*in 500 words*)

Fusion21 'Through the Gate Approach'

Accredited training and skill development programme: HMP Liverpool

Fusion21 currently provides City & Guilds accredited training (construction skills and horticulture) in HMP Liverpool to support the competitiveness of offenders prior to release, and following release continues to offer support through a voluntary placement programme and access to permanent positions through the use of Fusion21's Employer Pool.

The skills programme offer provides the opportunity for inmates to gain accredited qualifications and develop employability skills.

The construction skills programme targets 180 man per year runs for a period of 10 weeks with an introduction to City & Guilds. The qualifications cover essential skills in the following construction trades: bricklaying, site carpentry, plastering, painting and decorating, flooring, wall tiling and plumbing). The introductory qualification does have the facility to be built upon increasing the skill/qualification of the participant. The qualifications on offer also fit requirements expressed by future employers (Registered Social Landlords and construction sector etc).

The Fusion21 workshops at the prison promotes a training environment, with inmates entering as 'trainees', required to wear Fusion21 training clothing and to conduct themselves in manner consistent with that of an outside training establishment.

Through the gate activity.

Due to Fusion21's experience (in training and employment) and our partnership arrangements those inmates who for whatever reason experience a disruption to their training/accreditation course they will have the opportunity to complete their training at the Fusion21 centre.

While at the centre trainees will have the opportunity to experience support from trained instructors, ability to engage in the centre's voluntary placement programme, 'foot in the door' (giving them the opportunity to experience the world of work), and ability to apply for vacancies identified through the Fusion21's Employer Pool. Following completion of the programme(s) trainees will continue to receive (where appropriate and required) support through the centre's mentoring programme, and for those employed through the Employer Pool they will be tracked

for a period of two years

As well as the established programme in HMP Liverpool we are currently involved in discussions with HMP Kennet & Styal regarding the training and skills package.

About Fusion21

Fusion21 is a social enterprise which utilises social clauses in procurement contracts to identify and sustain full time employment opportunities.

Established in 2002 Fusion21 has created 854 permanent positions, primarily within the construction sector, through the introduction of a levy. The levy requires contractors to create one and a half permanent job for every £1 million of contract value.

The employment provision is managed by Fusion21's training and employment services. Analysis of the 854 jobs created identified that over 300 are known offenders (sentenced through the courts to either a custodial or community based sentenced).

Reducing re-offending.

Given the experience of Fusion21 in working successfully with offenders, and following the publication of the Ministry of Justices green paper 'Reducing re-offending', the Fusion21 board supported a proposal to offer their expertise of the employment market to the prison service to support the skill and training provision of offenders on a formal basis.

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Name of Organisation	i2i
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North East, North West, Yorkshire and Humber, West Midlands, East Midlands
Named Contact	Mark Cosens
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Area of Activity	Innovative sports based employability learning
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>i2i i2i successfully delivers mainstream welfare to work and skills services to over 16,000 disadvantaged jobseekers per year in five regions; NE, NW, Y&H, WM and EM.</p> <p>i2i Coaching Academy For 7 years i2i has consistently delivered among the highest job outcome rates in the industry. This has been most pronounced in achieving up to 64 per cent job outcomes by using the power of sport (mainly football). Principles and metaphors from sport are applied to prepare</p>	

customers for employment. This has proven a highly effective method to engage, inspire and progress hard-to-help jobseekers with ingrained and complex barriers and disadvantages to entering the world of work. i2i has delivered over 20 versions of i2i Coaching Academy, developing a suite of approx 40 modules that can be tailored to customer and specification demands. The i2i Coaching Academy is unique and has been successfully tested in working with ex/offenders.

i2i proposes to deliver a portion of OLASS 4 provision for a forward-thinking and innovative prime contractor.

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Name of Organisation	Igen Ltd
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North East, Northwest, East Midlands, Yorkshire & Humberside – All clusters/prisons
Named Contact	Andy Ellis
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Area of Activity	IAG/Careers/Foundation Skills
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Igen is the current contractor delivering Connexions services throughout North Yorkshire Northumberland and is the contracted lead agency for the Connexions Targeted Support contract in Leeds.</p> <p>We deliver Foundation Learning and basic skills (Literacy, Numeracy and ESOL) as well as motivational training modules to young people aged 16-19 at risk of or currently classified as NEET.</p> <p>igen is a member of Careers Yorkshire and Humber, the prime contractor for the Next Step provision for adults in Yorkshire and Humber. We are also a subcontractor for the Work Programme in Humberside.</p> <p>igen was a successful prime contractor (both delivering and managing subcontractors) for the Employability Skills Programme, encouraging skills for life for adults in Humber/ N.Yorkshire and North West England until Government funding policy removed this provision. We delivered literacy, numeracy IAG and careers guidance in Hull prison and so have experience of the secure estate.</p> <p>Previously, igen has been a lead national contractor to the DCSF for careers related programmes including IAG audits for 14-19 Diploma and the management of a diversity bursary scheme for individuals training in the careers guidance sector.</p> <p>We see ourselves as the deliverer of Careers Advice and Foundation Skills (including ESOL) at the start of the generic process in OLASS4, as well as a provider of Next Step services at release.</p> <p>Accreditations: Matrix Investors in People Investors in Diversity Positive about Disability – Two Ticks CHAS ISO 27001</p> <p>Approved centre status: OCR ASDAN</p>	

NCFE

Ofsted inspection March 2008 – (Overall grade 2 – Good)

Achievements and standards – Grade 2

Capacity to improve – Grade 1

Effectiveness of provision – Grade 2

Leadership and management – Grade 2

Equality of opportunity Contributory - Grade 1

Our head office is in Leeds, but we have premises in: Doncaster, Rotherham, Goole, Hull, Scarborough, Northallerton, Harrogate, Selby, Skipton, Preston, Blythe, Hexham, and Berwick-upon Tweed.

We hold substantial contracts with the SFA and have established Quality Assurance, Equality and Diversity, Health & Safety, Management Information and Environmental policies in place.

Given all of the above, we believe we would make an excellent sub-contractor in the delivery of OLASS4 and an organisation that would be instantly acceptable to the SFA.

I will be happy to discuss igen's offer with any potential Prime Contractor and to supply any additional details you might need.

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Name of organisation	Joint Learning
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	CREATE(Liverpool) Ltd Speke Hall Road Liverpool L24 9HA
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Area of activity	Prison Workshops/Through the Gate
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Joint Learning work in Partnership with CREATE who are an SME based in Speke Liverpool. We have worked alongside this company for three years supporting their employability programmes with NVQ's and Apprenticeships.</p> <p>Joint Learning have 10+ years experience of delivering training programmes and CREATE have 15 years experience of working with long term unemployed adults, many of whom have been, and still are ex-offenders.</p> <p>CREATE have experience of working within local prisons (HMP Liverpool and HMP Risley) and currently have a workshop established at HMP Risley where offenders refurbish washing machines and dryers. At the moment there is no accredited training associated with the tasks that offenders are undertaking and Joint Learning and CREATE are keen to develop the skills of offenders before their release from prison.</p> <p>Both companies wish to provide a pathway to employment through the delivery of an employability programme while offenders are still in custody. We plan to build on the existing</p>	

infrastructure at HMP Risley by delivering the same programme across other local prisons (including female prisons). This will involve the development and implementation of workshops providing vocational training and employment experience in a real work environment.

The training undertaken within the workshops will be pre-agreed with the individual prisons and will build on the existing work at HMP Risley. This work consists of offenders assessing second hand kitchen appliances for the purpose of re-use or recycling. This enhances the offenders' technical ability, their ability to work within a team, and also their assessment skills and their ability to work pro-actively. This enables offenders to gain a work ethic, as well as a sense of pride and achievement. The offender ultimately has gained technical capability and soft skills to improve their chances of gaining sustained employment.

The programme will provide offenders with an accredited training award or certificate and will enhance their opportunity to gain employment upon prison release. Both companies would work closely with job search providers within the prison environment to promote the skills and abilities of individuals to external employers.

Upon release from prison both companies will continue to work with dedicated individuals resettling in the area by supporting them to find suitable employment and upon attainment of a job would work with the employer to deliver a full apprenticeship programme.

CREATE have a current working relationship with Merseyside Probation Trust through delivery of a sub-contract under the Achieve Northwest Programme. CREATE have been targeted to provide 40 job outcomes for 60 people in funded employment contracts between April 2010 and December 2011. To date CREATE have secured sustainable employment for 34 of the 40 people. They have considerable experience of working with offenders both within prison and community settings.

We aim to ensure offenders are supported in an appropriate manner and believe that this programme will provide opportunities for offenders that will significantly increase their motivation to integrate more effectively within their community. This will inevitably break the re-offending cycle that a significant number of offenders fall foul to.

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Name of Organisation	Lakes College West Cumbria
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	We are interested in the delivery to HMP Haverigg in Cluster 1
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Area of Activity	North West
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
As the local FE College for Haverigg, we currently have a very successful and developing partnership with the prison delivering level 2 qualifications on a roll on and off basis. These are delivered to an	

extremely high standard with outstanding success rates.

We have a vast vocational offer which we can bring to this provision which includes construction, engineering, hospitality, horticulture, customer service, business administration and IT, sport and tourism and retail covering a wide range of qualifications from entry level to higher education all of which can be offered to this programme and can be flexible to meet the prisons and individual requirements including use of alternative delivery models. We firmly believe that the provision should fit the learners full potential and their aspirations should be met.

We offer and support the full end to end learner journey from detailed diagnostic assessment through to employment/progression. In summary this includes the below which are each tailored to individual learner needs and delivery can be 1:1 or grouped and will take into full account priorities on release dates.

- Diagnostics, initial assessment and action planning
- Careers information, advice and guidance
- Employability skills
- Personal and Social Development
- Job search
- Skills for Life assessment and training and functional skills
- Vocational training including employer-led routeways
- Post release support signposting and “wrap around” services
- Apprenticeships
- Volunteering
- Mentoring
- Referral onto mainstream provision
- Referral into work placement/employment

We have extensive and mature partnerships with JCP, NEXT Steps and the probation service. Recently we were invited to a North West Offender network conference to showcase the recent Offenders in the Community Project (OIC). From our pilot programme we achieved an 83% progression rate into further learning and following this a 33% progression into employment.

We have an experienced account management team within the college who actively work with over 500 employers for training support, work experience, and assistance with recruiting new staff. We have recently supported over 300 local unemployed people with re-skilling programmes and, to date, approx 40% of these have gained employment. We deliver extensively within the college to hard to reach groups such as NEET, unemployed, young parents etc and therefore have a proven track record and experience of being able to support and achieve success utilising our wrap around services – eg - additional learning support team, advice and guidance, financial services support.

All our staff are CRB checked and fully qualified within their-expertise area – lecturing staff are required to complete the Certificate in Education and all assessors/verifiers hold the appropriate qualifications and are also encouraged to undertake PTLs, QTLs and certificate in education to ensure a high skills base.

The quality of our provision and contract management is assured via the following accreditations:

- OFSTED December 2010 - Overall Grade 2 with 11 outstanding features including Leadership and Management, Capacity to Improve, Partnerships.
- Matrix Advice & Guidance
- Investors in People
- Positive About Disabled People

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Name of Organisation	Lifetime Training
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	All clusters in each of the following Units of procurement; East of England, London, North West, South Central, South West and West Midlands
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Area of Activity	Vocational skills training (and Apprenticeships)
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Lifetime would like to support the delivery of Apprenticeships to the target group and is able to offer a number of flexible delivery models. Lifetime currently delivers pre-apprenticeship programmes – Lifetime Academies - that could be adapted for delivery of this contract's required outputs/outcomes, and that offer a direct connection to prisons as places of work.</p> <p>Lifetime's Academy content is directly aligned to a L2 Apprenticeship framework and is delivered on a group and 121 basis via classroom, practical working environments and employer based activity. Academies offer participants transferable skills and career pathways with support to help them secure and remain in employment – enabling them to complete a full Apprenticeship. Academies currently move 80 per cent of learners into an Apprenticeship or Job Outcome. We offer Academies in Fitness, Early Years Care and Hospitality and each contain;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocational and Workplace behaviour training • Employability skills • Soft skills development including confidence and interpersonal skills • Mentoring • In-work mentoring • Level 1 Key Skills – communication and application of number <p>Academy content has been informed and developed in response to feedback from employers about the need for multi-skilled staff. Academies will support offenders and ex-offenders to become flexible employees able to fill employers' skills gaps by providing training in team work, problem solving and customer service.</p> <p>Lifetime Tutors deliver the Academies and use an individualised and person centred approach to work with participants from a variety of backgrounds and characteristics, including ex-offenders and offenders. Lifetime have a staff resource dedicated to supporting each stage of the programme from offering impartial IAG through to employment and support onto Level 3 Apprenticeships. Delivery is designed to be flexible, maximising engagement, retention and positive progressions. Lifetime Tutors are supported by;</p> <p>Academy Relations Executives - develop partnerships with referral agencies. They offer impartial IAG to learners including CV clinics and interview role-play.</p> <p>Community Engagement Managers - support learners into employment and Apprenticeships by developing networks of employers and opportunities. Group and 1:1 surgery sessions will be held with learners, employers and support agencies to reduce barriers to reoffending and to maximise outcomes.</p> <p>Mentors - support the learner whilst on an Academy and into sustained employment by helping them to understand employer expectations. Mentors offer sector background and mentoring expertise;</p>	

understanding and motivating learners. At employer sites where LFA participants have been placed or are working, Lifetime will train mentors to work directly with the participant and to provide in work support. These mentors will be existing employees.

Learning Support Team – will address participants additional support and learning needs and provide enhanced IAG

Lifetime is also offering Apprenticeship delivery as method of supporting sustained employment. Where participants have been placed in employment Lifetime’s team of Regional Trainers can support them to complete a full Apprenticeship. Lifetime has a direct contract with the Skills Funding Agency of over £20m in FY11/12 for Apprenticeship delivery enabling access to significant Adult skills funding. We operate across 7 sectors with Leisure and Fitness, Hospitality and Customer Service accounting for over 80per cent of total delivery – supporting the roles that offenders may undertake in prisons.

Lifetime is an Ofsted Grade 2 provider, is Matrix accredited, holds Investors in People and TQS parts A & B.

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Name of organisation	n-ergy consortium
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Kent and Sussex clusters 1,2,3 and 4 South Central clusters 1and 2 South West clusters 1 and 2 West Midlands clusters 1,2,3 and 4 East Midlands clusters 1,2 and 3 Yorkshire and Humber clusters 3 and 4 North West cluster 3
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Area of activity	Adults and young people (offenders and ex-offenders)

Description of activity (in 500 words)

n-ergy consortium

The n-ergy consortium consists of three business units, n-ergy group, n-ergy source and n-ergy works. The three business units are involved with the education, training, IAG and the employability of offenders and ex-offenders.

The key strategic aims for n-ergy consortium ltd in engaging with this group are therefore:-

1. To strive to ensure that ex-offenders are not isolated economically and divorced from the mainstream socially
2. To provide appropriate education, training and developmental programmes for ex-offenders to give them new skills and increased confidence which will make them more employable

3. To provide support and guidance to offenders and ex-offenders when attempting to secure suitable employment
4. To develop ex-offenders as individuals and provide them with skills to compete in an ever changing employment market
5. To help reduce reoffending by giving ex offenders skills for employment and helping them to contribute positively to their communities.

Below is a summary of the principal functions of the three parts of n-ergy consortium.

n-ergy group ltd delivers annually 2,000 vocational and 330 employability programmes to both offenders and ex-offenders, which helps develop the individual, giving them new skills and confidence to return to employment. n-ergy group ltd endeavours to provide a seamless service for this client group from custody into the community and then to employment.

n-ergy source is the recruitment division and has secured an employability contract to deliver employment programmes (The Way4ward Project) for offenders and ex-offenders in the South West. Further tenders have been submitted to deliver this and other services in other areas of Wales.

To enhance our seamless service from training the individual while in prison to the advice and guidance offered before they leave, and the securing of employment after they have left, n-ergy group has set up a separate but associated business unit which is a social enterprise to employ ex-offenders and offer them worthwhile employment. The work of n-ergy works is described below.

n-ergy works is a recently formed social enterprise and is driven by a social purpose which is to offer employment to one of the hardest to reach groups – ex-offenders. The organisation is currently in the process of bidding for contracts from both the public and private sectors in the areas of grounds maintenance, cleaning and general maintenance. Once secured, n-ergy works will employ ex-offenders returning or relocating to the community areas in which we have secured contacts. We will provide them with employment, a vehicle to further develop their skills, increasing their confidence and self-esteem which will facilitate progression to other employment and training opportunities either with n-ergy works or elsewhere.

To summarise:

- **n-ergy group** deliver vocational programmes to offenders in custody in Wales and England including all G4S and Serco managed prisons
- **n-ergy source** deliver employment support programmes in the South West prisons and in Wales (4 recruitment offices have been established in four prisons including HMP Parc, Bridgend)

- **n-ergy works** will employ ex-offenders on permanent contracts to deliver community based projects delivering cleaning and ground maintenance services

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Name of organisation	JHP Group Ltd
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North West Yorkshire and the Humber East Midlands North East Kent Sussex South Central East of England
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Area of activity	National
<p>Description of activity (<i>in 500 words</i>) JHP is the LARGEST INTEGRATED WELFARE TO WORK AND WORK BASED LEARNING PROVIDER in the UK, helping over 350,000 people to achieve their career aspirations over our 28 year history. We are financially stable and have grown steadily over the past decade, turning over approximately £70m in 2011. We have a growing national footprint, with over 1,500 dedicated members of staff operating from 120+ sites across England, Scotland and Wales. As an OLASS 3 provider for the last 3 years, we understand the challenges in delivering adult learning in a custodial setting whilst achieving successful progression; changing attitudes and behaviours; improving knowledge, skills and completing qualifications for employment; and securing job outcomes whilst on ROTL and post release.</p> <p>Current Contracts: Work Programme Prime contractor SW region and subcontractor Y&H EM WM Mandatory Work Activity in NW and WM OLASS 3 CIAS provider WM SFA Programmes for the Unemployed – all English regions</p>	

NEET NW Y&H WM
 WorkChoice – Scotland and WM
 Community Task Force Scotland
 Foundation Learning – NW Y&H
 Jobcentre Plus Support Contract – WM NW Scotland
 Nextsteps – WM
 National SFA QCF and Apprenticeship provider covering all 9 English regions

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Name of Organisation	Pertemps People Development Group
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Midlands • North East • North West (Merseyside only) • Yorkshire and the Humber (York and Humberside only)
Named Contact	Gareth Edwards
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Area of Activity	Welfare to Work and Skills
<p>Description of Activity (<i>in 500 words</i>) PPDG offers extensive expertise in supporting the end-to-end learning journey for offenders in custody. As the leading ESF/NOMS CFO provider we can demonstrate unrivalled capacity to engage offenders in learning and, through effective joint working, progress them into employment. We bring excellent understanding of the custodial learning offer and are well integrated within the Prison and Probation service and offender learning networks.</p> <p>PPDG current exceeds all targets on our North East (Phase 1) provision (January 2010 – August 2011):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starts: 2975 Target: 2164 (137%) • Job outcomes: 507 Target: 203 (250%) • Further learning: 625 Target: 426 (147%) • NEETs into ETE: 53 Target: 19 (279%) <p>PPDG has the flexibility to both deliver end-to-end OLASS 4 provision in identified units or specific elements of the service, including:</p>	

- Outreach and engagement
- Diagnostics and action planning
- Careers information, advice and guidance
- Employability
- Personal and Social Development
- Confidence and Motivation
- Job search
- Skills for Life assessment and training
- Vocational training including employer-led routeways
- Signposting and “wrap around” services
- Self-employment
- Key skills
- Apprenticeships
- Volunteering
- Mentoring
- Referral onto mainstream provision

We also bring wide experience of supporting the full range of offender groups, achieving parity of outcomes for:

- Young offenders
- Gangs
- Lifers
- Women offenders
- Gypsies, travellers and show people
- PPOs
- Vulnerable offenders
- Those with low/no skills
- Those with health problems

Our experience of working with offender groups is enhanced through our extensive track record of delivering mainstream employment and skills provision. Since 1997, we have supported over 110,000 disadvantaged people into employment through both voluntary and mandatory community-based programmes, such as:

- Employment Zone
- Flexible New Deal
- Work Programme
- NEETs provision
- E2E/Foundation Learning
- Apprenticeships
- Working Neighbourhoods Fund
- Transition Fund
- Jobcentre Plus support contract
- Future Jobs Fund

Through such programmes we have developed excellent partner and employer links across all of the selected regions. Links to over 25,000 local and national employers ensures our learners receive the most up-to-date labour market information and helps us align our training to local opportunities. Our bespoke Client Match system matched learners to suitable local jobs based on their skills and preferences. Employers span a range of industries and include Tesco, The Range, Gala Casinos, Premier Inn, Nordic Pioneer, Spellar Metcalfe, West Midlands Safari Park and Link Lockers.

The quality of our provision and contract management is assured via the following accreditations:

- OFSTED/ALI: Grade 1 & 2 (G 1 Leadership & Management, Capacity to Improve & Equality of Opportunity)
- ISO 9001:2008
- Matrix Advice & Guidance
- Investors in People
- Positive About Disabled People
- Young Persons Charter, Bronze & Silver
- Investors in Excellence Award
- Remploy's 'Leading the Way' award
- DWP Merlin Standard Assured (Supply Chain Excellence)
- DWP Provider Assurance Testing – Strong Assurance

PPDG brings fully **qualified, vetted and experienced staff in place** to support OLASS 4 delivery. Our trainers are qualified/working towards a Certificate in Education/Certificate or Diploma to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS/DTLLS) and are Matrix IAG accredited. We have in place a "Prison Awareness" package as part of our staff induction to prepare staff for the challenges of the prison environment.

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Name of organisation	Preston College
Location of delivery	North West
Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Lancashire cluster
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Area of activity	Curriculum Delivery
Description of activity	
<p>Preston College wishes to express an interest in planning and delivering the Curriculum Mix to adults in custody in the Lancashire area. We would be interested in delivery in the establishments in Cluster 1 (other than Haverigg).</p> <p>Preston is a large tertiary college serving the city of Preston and the surrounding area of Central Lancashire. The College employs over 800 staff and serves a local population of approximately 250,000.</p> <p>The College provides courses in all areas of learning, excluding land-based provision. Our range includes A Levels and a breadth of vocational courses at entry, foundation, intermediate and advanced level. Higher Education is also offered through our partnerships with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and Edge Hill University.</p> <p>The college is a key provider of Employer Responsive training and has achieved Training Quality Standard (TQS) in 5 key areas. The college delivers apprenticeships across 20 occupational areas from levels 2 to 4, in addition to contracting with other training providers to deliver technical certificates.</p> <p>The College has experience of delivering the core offer described in the OLASS tender specification and delivers this type of mix to long term unemployed and NEET young people in Lancashire. We will forward more detailed information, on request, to those organisations tendering for Lead provider status in the North West Region.</p>	

Name of Organisation	SOVA
Location of Delivery	East Midlands

Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	East of England Greater London North East North West South East West Midlands Yorkshire and the Humber
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Area of Activity	Young people and adults, IAG including mentoring and support
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>SOVA is a national voluntary organisation which champions social inclusion. Through over 240 staff, and more than 1,000 trained volunteers, we deliver 65 projects across England and Wales working with the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society. In the last financial year SOVA supported more than 8,500 people; providing everything from employability training and mentoring, to mediation and reparation services and care leavers' support.</p> <p>A registered charity and company limited by guarantee with a turnover of £7.78m in 2010/11, SOVA has been working to transform lives and improve communities for more than 35 years. Established through partnership with the Inner London Probation Service, SOVA began expanding through its work with social services in 1982 to recruit, train and deploy volunteers to offer support and advice within local communities.</p> <p>SOVA's aim is to inspire and support the people it works with to make positive changes to improve their lives and fulfil their potential. As a previous provider of OLASS services our model offers a solution that assists with improving offenders skills levels, along with the opportunity to move into sustainable employment. Our service offer is flexible, allowing prime providers to hand pick interventions as required.</p> <p>Case Management SOVA has considerable experience of case managing offenders in custody including projects such as PS Plus and NOMS CFO Phase 1. Our Case Management model includes initial needs assessment, followed by direct delivery of services, or referral to delivery partners for more specialist support and programmes. Our model extends beyond the gate to ensure offenders are supported in successful transition from custody to community.</p> <p>Employability SOVA has proven experience of helping long term unemployed people - especially offenders - into sustainable employment. We are an end-to-end sub-contractor for the Work Programme and are experiencing high degrees of success with engaging offenders and placing them into work. In addition our current NOMS CFO Yorkshire and Humberside programme is exceeding targets for helping offenders into sustained employment.</p> <p>Mentoring SOVA's network of community volunteers help individuals to lead purposeful and law-abiding lives with close support and supervision from paid project staff. We combine our tried and tested models to recruit and train offenders to deliver peer support in prison and we support the offender to successfully transition from custody to community. We focus on ensuring that offenders continue with community-based programmes of learning which will assist them to secure paid employment.</p> <p>Employer Engagement Building on existing links with local and national employers, SOVA can facilitate a relationship between</p>	

employers and prisons; helping to quash stereotypical images of offenders and allowing offenders to showcase their talents and benefit from the experience and advice of the employer.

SOVA's strengths include:

- commitment to bring about positive changes for individuals and communities
- established local, regional and national partnerships
- participant-focused engagement and participation
- participant-orientated distance travelled tool to monitor and support real individual progress
- established reputation providing ETE services in the criminal justice field
- pool of c.1,000 active accredited volunteers

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Name of Organisation	Sport 4 Life Ltd
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North West Region Clusters 1,2 and 3
Named Contact	Jill Rothwell
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Area of Activity	Employability, Personal Development and Functional Skills
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Sport 4 Life has a proven highly successful track record in the delivery of the pre-employment programme linked to the 2012 Olympic Games L1 Award in Preparation for Event Volunteering (Personal Best) in the North West region. All Sport 4 Life programmes use the power of sport to lift the aspirations of workless and excluded people on a regional basis.</p> <p>Learners complete this award which offers an NOCN accredited L1 award comprising of units in Developing Team and Interpersonal Skills, Volunteering in the context of events, CV and letter writing, interview techniques, equality and diversity, conflict resolution, customer care, public safety and emergency and fire awareness.</p> <p>Within the prison environment learners are empowered to organise and contribute to the events within the prison, many of them initiating and managing events themselves. Feedback from learners indicated that the presence of this programme within the prison has a wider impact on psychological well-being than to just those on programme, "It gave everyone on the wing a lift....."(Personal Best learner, HMP Forest Bank)</p> <p>Self-assessment of soft skill levels of learners who have previously completed this programme evidences a 52 per cent in overall skills, 63 per cent increase in confidence levels, 34 per cent improvement in organisational skills, 27 per cent communication skills, and 25 per cent improvement in team working skills. This makes this programme particularly suitable for prisoners who are not yet quite in state of readiness to access other programmes of learning or employment.</p> <p>Each learner on the programme is also supported by a Personal Best Advisor, who supports learners with the setting and attainment of short and long term goals, supporting them into positive progression opportunities for up to 6 months post programme. We keep an up to date and relevant database of apprenticeship opportunities and will pro-actively prepare and support learners for apprenticeships.</p>	

On Sport 4 Life provision 81 per cent of learners achieve the award. 27 per cent have progressed into employment and 24 per cent into further education or training within 6 months of undertaking the programme. A further 47 per cent of remaining learners who complete the programme have progressed into volunteering opportunities within the community.

We are a MATRIX accredited provider with a vast and diverse range of partners. Partnership working was identified as an organisational strength in our August 2011 MATRIX assessment “. They give us great feedback about our people”; “They understand our people well”.

Sport 4 Life is currently an NOCN accredited centre and working towards 1st 4 Sport accredited centre status. We also offer Functional skills qualifications to Level 1 and NOCN progression qualifications.

To date 20 per cent of our learners are declared offenders or ex-offenders and 47 per cent have a learning difficulty, disability or long term health condition.

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Name of organisation	St Peter's Partnerships
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North West North West Cluster 2 HMP Buckley Hall HMP Styal HMP Manchester HMP Stoke Heath
Named contact	Robert Wheeler
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Area of activity	Charity/Social Enterprise with an in-house training company supporting social enterprises, community cohesion and development including offender rehabilitation
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>St Peter's Partnerships (SPP) is a charity based development trust located in Greater Manchester. SPP has a strong proven track record of supporting the development of local people including the rehabilitation of offenders from Greater Manchester. We have been offering vocational training for over 10 years.</p> <p>Vocational training has been provided successfully by "Enterprise Plus" our in-house employment and training company in the following areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information Advice and Guidance (up to NVQ level 4) - Community Development (up to NVQ level 4) - Customer Service (up to NVQ level 2) - Landscaping and Gardening (up to NVQ level 2) - Construction Skills (CSCS) (up to level 3) - Team Leader (up to NVQ level 3) - Literacy and numeracy (up to NVQ level 3) - Youth Work (up to NVQ level 4) 	

We only collaborate with reputable awarding/accreditation bodies or specialist partners such as the Open College Network, Edexcel and Myerscough Agricultural College (specialist landscaping).

SPP also has within it 3 social enterprises, “Enterprise Plus”, “Greenscape” and “Safeguard It”; Enterprise Plus delivers employment support, training and information, advice and guidance, Greenscape specialises in landscaping, grounds maintenance and minor building works and Safeguard It focuses on community safety related initiatives. These businesses actively support the rehabilitation of offenders through employment and training in partnership with Greater Manchester Probation Service Trust.

Our extensive experience of working with ex-offenders in the community through SPP’s social enterprises and the skills retained within the organisation ensures the successful application and delivery of our existing knowledge, learning and training frameworks within prison environments.

SPP has also been chosen to deliver one of 9 National Pilots awarded by Government for the Local Integrated Services Model with a focus “Reducing Reoffending”. Our remit is to help break the cycle of re-offending by providing learning and training and employment opportunities for offenders, further supporting and building on our previous experience of working with offenders.

The provision of employment through SPP’s social enterprises to help rehabilitate is provided as a part of our charitable aims. The OLASS 4 initiative opens up the opportunity to explore and develop partnerships which could formerly establish a learning framework for offenders which includes the delivery of training and qualifications in prison with the option in certain cases to complete/build on qualifications outside prison and which could further provide a pathway into work through one of our social enterprise companies offering real added value to SPP’s involvement as a “potential subcontractor”.

Our website contains further information about St Peters Partnerships and its social enterprises access via www.stpeterspartnerships.org

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Name of organisation	Street League
Location of delivery	London
Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North east North west

Named contact	Nick smith
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Area of activity	Young people and adults, engagement activities for hard to reach offenders both in prison and the community, IAG including mentoring and support
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Our activities split into three distinct programme areas, creating an A-Z engagement to outcome model together. Our service is specifically developed to progress individuals with a range of support needs from engagement through to personal development and onto long term outcomes.</p> <p>We can deliver separate components however fro sub contracting purposes.</p> <p>Street Football is our entry level programme where the most disadvantaged young people, aged 16 to 25 from backgrounds of offending, addiction and unemployment, are initially referred into. FA qualified, professional football coaches deliver two-hour sessions 48 weeks of the year, at the same place and at the same time, offering structure into what can be chaotic lifestyles. The programme is about building and sustaining a relationship with the participants, identifying their needs and starting the process of personal development. Street Football impacts on personal development in areas of communication, time keeping, discipline and self-esteem as well as improved health, reduced substance misuse and reduced offending.</p> <p>Our football sessions are delivered at the most appropriate local venue in relation to our outreach activity and the participants to remove as many barriers as possible to attending the programme.</p> <p>All engaged participants (continuous attendance for 2 weeks) will complete an "Individual learning plan" with the Coach. This enables us to plan a flexible service which meet the learning needs of the participant. For example, those with low support needs may progress into outcomes directly from Street Football whilst others will require a more substantial package of support, including longer term Street Football activity before progressing onto the 8 week Academy course.</p> <p>Street League Academy Programme - The Academy is an intensive eight-week football themed education and training course designed specifically to progress participants into 'hard outcomes' of mainstream education or sustainable employment. We deliver three courses; Open College Network Level 1 Award in Progression; an Open College Network Level 1 Award in Step Up and a Community Sports Leaders UK Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership. We also deliver personal development workshops in motivation, confidence, leadership and determination and employability skills (including CV writing, job search skills, IT skills and interview skills). This takes place within a structured 9am-2pm timetable alongside football activity at inspiring venues (including professional football clubs) in order to maintain engagement and motivation levels daily, as this is one of the key areas facing disadvantaged young people. Progressions Coordinators also provide an additional 10 weeks of post Academy 1-2-1 support for participants to ensure progressions into education and training outcomes.</p> <p>Graduate League - the final and most recent element of the programme. This has the same structure as Street Football but with evening sessions accessible to those people now in work, education or training and unable to attend their previous day-time session. The Graduate</p>	

League allows Progressions Coordinators to effectively track outcomes and support the sustainability of the transition into work, mainstream education or vocational training. Graduates are encouraged to participate for up to six months and are then supported into securing mainstream sports activity.

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Name of organisation	The Lancashire Colleges Ltd
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Lancashire North West/Lancashire and Cumbria
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Area of activity	Employability and skills training
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>The Lancashire Colleges Consortium was established in 1998 as a company limited by guarantee (not for profit) by the independent Further Education Colleges in Lancashire as a vehicle for collaborative activity. The expertise of the company is in obtaining and managing projects from funding through delivery and into evaluation.</p> <p>Whilst the Company itself has expertise independent of the College members the principal areas in which the Consortium has operated are those where the colleges in Lancashire have experience, expertise and an interest in future development. Since it was established in 1998 the Consortium has delivered over 130 multi-partner contracts in Lancashire and other parts of the North West region. Projects have been funded from a variety of sources (predominantly ESF, Structural Funds, DWP and NWDA) and have included developmental projects as well as delivery projects.</p> <p>The Consortium operates in such a way as to bring together expert staff within the colleges to collaborate in design and delivery and adds value through its capacity to operate strategically and developmentally as well as through its expertise in project design and management.</p> <p>The FE sector Colleges in Lancashire represent a cluster of excellence 9 of the 12 members of the Consortium being judged "Outstanding" in their last inspections. The Board of the Consortium is composed of the Principals of the 12 colleges who are protective of their reputation and ensure the commitment of individual colleges to collective activity is maintained.</p> <p>The Consortium has been an effective vehicle for collaborative activity with organisations outside the FE sector where this can add value to the FE offer and partners in activity have</p>	

included/include Local Authorities, Unionlearn, Private Sector companies, Sector Skills Councils, The Campaign for Learning and Voluntary/third sector organisations.

We would describe the Consortiums principal area of business as being project design and management but the activities have been drawn from a very wide range of “curriculum” areas and involved delivery to a varied target audience. Projects have been developed and delivered in relation to Employability Skills, IT, Business Development, Basic Skills/Skills for Life, ESOL and Citizenship, Creative Activity, Engineering and Health and Social Care. Broad based projects have been delivered spanning a very broad subject base and in terms of target audiences we have developed and managed projects for the Unemployed, NEET young people, members of BME communities, LLDD young people and adults, the workless, individuals seeking higher level skills, Apprenticeship provision, women in underrepresented sectors and so on.

In addition to those projects where the Consortium has led activity it has also been an active participant in activity led by other organisations – most particularly it has been a leading member of the Fusion partnership of 5 sub-regional consortiums in the North West.

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Name of Organisation	The Oldham College
Location of Delivery	North West
Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	
Named Contact	Stephen Aitken
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Area of Activity	All areas of provision
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>We have managed numerous successful partnerships at operational and strategic levels throughout the region and have representation on many steering groups that can and do support many prisoners on release, many of which have successfully moved into employment. We also have a team of staff who have successfully delivered on many prison sites across the north west over the last few years.</p> <p>Our major successful partnerships have included the college being a lead provider delivering over £4m of work based learning activity to a cross section of almost 1000 employers with success rates in excess of 85%, these were delivered across the north west incorporating up to 20 quality approved training providers delivering Apprenticeships and Train to Gain in a diverse range of vocational areas; this has been repeated over the last few years successfully achieving SFA contracts / targets.</p> <p>We have, and are also managing successful ESF and local authority funded employability programmes successfully converting over 40% of completed training interventions for JSA/ESA claimants into job outcomes, many of which were sustained. We have worked on many pre-employment training programmes in partnership with JCP and are now developing a number of sector based work academies in conjunction with several large employers in the region and district staff at JCP.</p> <p>The college has an extensive range of contacts through the region and are able to offer services to potential prime contractors of OLASS delivery for prisoners requiring basic skills including literacy, numeracy and ICT (including ESOL). We are able to offer vocational and QCF based qualifications where prisons have facilities to offer a vocational delivery in all major</p>	

sectors including Construction, Logistics, Warehousing & Distribution, Customer Service, ICT, Contact Centre, Sport and Recreation, Hospitality & Catering. All of the above can be delivered as full apprenticeships to ex-offenders on release from prison.

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Name of Organisation	The Prince's Trust
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Cluster 1 – HMPKirkham, HMP Lancaster farms Cluster 2 – HMP Styal, HMP Manchester, HMP Buckley Hall Cluster 3 – HMP Thorn Cross This selection represents those establishments we work with, this is not though prescriptive and would be prepared to work with establishments where there was an identified need for our provision.
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Area of Activity	Enterprise, Sports and Art Energisers, Alternative curriculum for young offenders.

Description of Activity (in 500 words)

1. Background

Prince's Trust programmes offers personal development opportunities that bring tangible and lasting benefits to our young clients and the communities in which they live. We engage the most vulnerable young people, and 21% of the young people we support nationally come from an offending background.

Working with Offenders in the North West

Get Started

Get Started is a short engagement programme using sport or the arts. Helping young people to re-engage with learning and take the first step to increase their personal and social skills, motivation and confidence.

We deliver the Get Started with Football programme in three HMPs across the North West:

- HMP Lancaster Farms
- HMP Styal
- HMP Prison Hindley

The model for Get Started with football has been developed with the prison regime in mind this has resulted in a longer programme – 7 days for male prisons – Hindley and Lancaster Farms and 10 days in Styal. The programme is delivered through all the gym departments in each prison and contact is made directly with the PE officer assigned to the Prince's Trust at the gym though each department has a good working knowledge of The Prince's Trust as we have been delivering for a number of years within these establishments.

Enterprise Programme

This programme aims to support young people interested in self employment to explore and test their ideas, write plans and start their own businesses or achieve alternative outcomes in education, training, volunteering or work.

Working with HM Manchester Prison we will be delivering initial Enterprise Information Sessions to be followed by our 4 day Exploring Enterprise Course, activity starts in November 2011. A meeting has been arranged with Forest Bank Prison on the 18th October to explore the potential to introduce the HM Manchester Prison Model in Forest Bank.

Further Projects/Initiatives

Working in partnership with Forest Bank, Thorn Cross, Kirkham and Buckley Hall regarding the referral of inmates to Prince's Trust programmes on release. Inmates at Kirkham have also attended Team (our 12 week personal development programme) whilst serving their sentence. Our staff regularly attends both Forest Bank and Styal to discuss options for progression through Prince's Trust upon release.

We have successfully worked with local Crime Concern / Catch 22 Programmes in Greater Manchester to offer Development Awards (small cash grants of up to £125) to their clients who have criminal records to help them get their lives back on track.

Where we have had funding for Development Awards in the past we have also worked with local Probation and YOT Teams to help young people with criminal records access education, training or employment opportunities where money is a barrier.

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Name of Organisation	TNG
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	East Midlands London Kent and Sussex North East North West Yorkshire and the Humber
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Area of Activity	Vocational skills and employability delivery Employer links Enterprise and Self employment provision
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>TNG is a national provider of skills, apprenticeships, employability and Welfare to Work. We are looking to complement the offer of potential partners through the provision of vocational and employability delivery for learners towards the end of their sentence, and to provide a seamless link to our DWP Work Programme contracts in those regions where we are a Prime Contractor or a subcontractor.</p>	

We can also deliver highly successful enterprise and self employment provision to learners prior to release and continuation into the community.

We also have a strong relationships with national and local employers to provide access to employer led learning opportunities, and access to work placement/trials and guarantee interview scheme on release.

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Name of Organisation	Warrington Collegiate
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North West Unit of Procurement Cluster 3 HMP Risley HMP Thorn Cross HMP Liverpool HMP Kennet
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Area of Activity	North West
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>We have been delivering in 16 prisons for 3 years</p> <p>Prisons: Ford - Sussex Parkhurst (IOW) Mount-Berkshire Bullingdon-Berkshire Downview -Surrey Swaleside-South Coast Morton Hall-Lincoln Lindholme-Doncaster Stocken-Leicester Wayland-Norfolk Portland (Weymouth) Hewell -Birmingham Drake Hall (Staffs) Wymott (Chorley) Kirkham (Preston) Acklington (Durham)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 130 learners a year • NVQ Level 2 Warehouse and Storage. 	

- Success rate 2010/11 - 82%
- On release they go through a DHL selection process and are employed in a DHL Distribution Centre, if one is available, in the area that they re-settle.
- 26 employed to date with no issues.

We secured OLASS Transition Project, for ex-offenders which was delivered with Probation Service across Cheshire & Warrington and have delivered OLASS literacy and numeracy in the community for over 5 years.

We have delivered 5 Programmes for the Unemployed over the last three years, which offers vocational training, Job Coach, pre and post employment support and work placements. In 18 months we have delivered training to 855 unemployed clients, including ex-offenders, with a conversion to work rate of 38 per cent

OFSTED in October 2010 commented that "learners develop a good range of skills, which prepares them particularly well for employment"

Training includes basic skills, ESOL, soft skills, employability skills, motivational and short courses.

Our vocational trainers and assessors are highly qualified with relevant and recent industry experience in 8 key sectors

- Construction
- Hairdressing
- Financial services
- Motor vehicle
- Hospitality
- Logistics
- Health and social care
- Cleaning

We deliver bespoke pre-employment training on a short term, part-time and full-time basis, linked to existing and forecast job vacancies

Provision is part or full-time with training based on different delivery models including groups up to 15 clients, 1:1s and smaller focused cohorts. The duration of the training is determined by client need and the level of training needed

Engagement, interest and perceived relevance are a few of the significant barriers faced by clients which is why personalised tailored support is a dominant feature of provision. Support will establish trust between the Job Coach and client, facilitated by work-focused training, confidence building, navigating the system and improving job readiness.

Programmes are flexible and responsive to needs, offering multiple start dates, continuous provision throughout the year, roll-on, roll-off delivery and regular start dates.

We offer learning support with OFSTED advising that "learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities receive good specialist support"

Working to improve employability will be central to success through generic job-search and preparation skills or vocational training for a particular job vacancy.

We operate an agreed recruitment protocol across WC, Skills Funding Agency and JCP to link

employer vacancies to unemployed people and funding.

On release individuals will then engage in tailored pre-employment activities through the sector based work academy model using partner, agency and employer links to facilitate a seamless transition into sustainable work and Apprenticeships.

The Warrington Business School is the employer facing division of WC. WBS has over 500 live employer contacts

Warrington Collegiate is a Work Programme provider in Warrington.

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Area of activity	
Description of activity (<i>in 500 words</i>)	
Give informative sessions inside HMPs so inmates understand the benefits of volunteering and how it can help them. Inspire, enable and give one to one support to those interested in volunteering on release to get started on a project overcoming all barriers.	
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