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Name of Organisation	Barnsley College
Location of Delivery	Yorkshire and the Humber
Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	
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Area of Activity	Young People/Adults/Information and Advice Service
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Barnsley College offers programmes in all subject sector categories funded by the Skills Funding Agency and has an annual income of £28 million. The College has expanded its Work Based Learning offer and provides accredited learning opportunities in Pre-Employment Training and Apprenticeships from foundation to higher levels and foundation degrees. The College is developing a strong brand reputation</p>	

as a 'test-bed' for innovation and at the forefront of key national developments such as the development of a Sustainable Centre, a large worklessness provision including Skills support for the Unemployed and Skills Support for Redundancy.

Barnsley College has the capacity to deliver a variety of pre-employment training through its established sites in South and West Yorkshire. The College has extensive experience and expertise in delivering high quality training targeted at learners that are unemployed.

The College has a large team of well qualified trainers and assessors that have industry specific skills to enable them to effectively deliver accredited qualifications. Alongside these staff, specialist staff are trained to deliver motivational skill, preparation for work and to work with learners as mentors, tracking progress and attendance and breaking down any barriers that they have stopping them gaining sustainable employment.

The College has a variety of full and part time courses which are responsive to local labour market needs including Animal Care, Barbering, Beauty Therapy, Business and Admin, Cleaning & Environmental Service, Construction, Customer Service, Design, Engineering Manufacture, ESOL, Fashion & Textiles, Food & Drink, Glass Industry, Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Horticulture, Hospitality & Catering, IT, Independent Living & Learning, Literacy & Numeracy, Skills for Life, Software, Travel & Tourism, Web & Telecoms, Live Events & Promotion, Management, Plumbing & Heating, Retail, Vehicle Maintenance and Warehousing & Storage.

The College has a large employer base and works with over 500 employers across South & West Yorkshire and intends to grow this number to meet the needs of this client group. The College has achieved the Training Quality Standards for its outstanding work with employers and is also Matrix accredited for IAG. The College has recently been awarded the prestigious Beacon Status.

In our Ofsted Inspection of November 2010, Barnsley College was awarded 20 outstanding grades out of a possible 22.

“The College makes a highly effective contribution to reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training and unemployed adults through highly innovative and engaging programmes.” – Ofsted 2010

“The College has become extremely effective at raising the aspirations of its learners, supporting them to succeed and celebrating their achievement. For many learners their experience at the college is transformational.” – Ofsted 2010

Barnsley College are committed to establishing open and equitable relationships with partners based on mutual trust, underpinned by an ethos of performance management and a culture of continuous improvement.

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Name of organisation	BDA Ltd
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Yorkshire and Humberside: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP Wakefield • HMP Lindholme • HMP Moorland • HMP Doncaster • HMP New Hall

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Area of activity	Direct delivery service
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>BDA Ltd working in partnership with BMBC. We offer an end to end service, enabling customers to move forward into sustained employment. A localised based service, engaging customers out in the community; we have a long history of supporting 16+ and whole households.</p> <p>Matrix accredited, we provide individual SMART action plans that focus on overcoming barriers, identify educational and skills gaps, reviewing progress and moving customers into sustained employment. BDA Options Team has been established for over 10 years and have strong links with Debt, Benefit, Housing and Health related services. In addition we have delivered a National Probation Service contract from 2005 to present date. Through this contract we offer support to anyone on license within Barnsley, which not only has a positive effect on the offender's immediate family, but also helps reduce street crime and raise social/financial inclusion. 2010-2011 targets for ex-offenders into sustained employment was 15 into employment and BDA Options Team achieved 18.</p> <p>From 2005-2008 BDA Options Team delivered an ESF contract which end to end service, enabling customers to move forward into sustained employment. Within this contract we had the facility to offer surgeries and links to local HMPs. We had a long established relationship HMP Doncaster - Marshgate, and also offered a referral point, and needs led service to other local prisons.</p> <p>We are working in partnership with BMBC on the Work Programme in Barnsley as subcontractors to both SERCO and A4E. This is a mandatory provision with customers being referred directly from Job Centre Plus. The implementation and delivery of the Work programme is within a strict security and quality compliance framework.</p> <p>BMBC deliver a Learn Direct contract through-out the Barnsley borough, and in addition deliver industrial certified training such as Fork lift truck licenses and Health & Safety at work.</p> <p>BDA/BMBC has a dedicated sales team who actively seek out links with employers and focusing on specific jobs to meet with customer's skills and expectations. Included in these are ASOS, Cranswick Foods, Manor Bakery, Asda, Highgrove Care Home. In conjunction BMBC have managed workspace and support local small and medium businesses.</p>	
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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
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>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). <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>	

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	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 of 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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Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Yorkshire & the Humber All clusters
Named contact	Josie Scholey
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Area of activity	Young people/Adults
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>We would be interested in developing relationships with lead bidders for OLASS 4 and supporting their tender submissions. We consider ourselves particularly well placed to offer extensive employment training and support both pre and post release for offenders. As a Work Programme prime contractor in West Yorkshire and a large scale sub-contractor for the Work Programme across South Yorkshire we have an outstanding range of large and small scale accounts with employers across Yorkshire & the Humber and extensive experience of supporting offenders on release.</p> <p>Our current provision includes a range of provisions including: The Work Programme Foundation Learning Mandatory Work Activity Sub-contracted work to JHP for Response to Redundancy and Support for Unemployed</p> <p>We are experienced in providing both accredited and non accredited learning opportunities and have particular expertise in the delivery of sector specific routeway programmes and preparing individuals for work in specific sectors. Our database of thousands of employers across Yorkshire & the Humber places us in a strong position to support lead partners in the development of effective employment focused support for OLASS 4.</p>	
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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
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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> <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</p>	

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	Chesterfield College
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	East Midlands and Yorkshire & Humber
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Area of activity	Young People/Adults/Information, Advice and Guidance/Apprenticeships/Short Courses/Mentoring.

Description of activity (in 500 words)

Chesterfield College is a large Further Education College employing over 600 permanent staff and with a £35m annual turnover. The College delivers from Pre 16 through to Higher Education across most industry sectors. The College delivers over 30 apprenticeship frameworks at Levels 2, 3 and 4. We have direct claim status with the majority of the awarding bodies with which we work. We pride ourselves on our delivery of short course provision with learner feedback always been consistently high for both “bespoke” and qualification programmes.

The breadth of college provision is a key strength and has been recognised by external bodies including OFSTED - TQS (Training Quality Standards) and MATRIX.

We have a wealth of experience working with offenders through our successful Connect Project. An experienced Offender Support Officer (OSO) works with offenders on a one to one basis to support them into employment or further education training. Our OSO has an established relationship with the Probation Service and his resettlement team have experience of working with offenders in prisons to prepare them for work or training after release.

We are able to offer high quality support to any lead provider on the OLASS provision including the following,

- Comprehensive initial assessment for all offenders to develop an understanding of personal barriers.
- Production of Personal Progression Plans to aid entry to employment or training.
- Delivery of job specific training; including sessions on self employment, short courses such as food hygiene and health and safety, IT and work preparation including CV writing, interview techniques and how to handle disclosures.
- Offenders with learning difficulties will be provided with specialist support and practical advice through the college's established Learner Support Service to reduce any additional barriers they may face.
- Full use of the college's online learning portal for access to learning material for any courses undertaken by offenders.
- Support in finding employers for offenders to undertake an apprenticeship programme through our highly successful recruitment academy.
- Support to prison Governors and training providers in researching local market labour needs through our Funding and Research Team.
- Well established / robust safeguarding procedure.

We have vast experience in supporting offenders into work or further training and with an established team of people dedicated to working in this sector are in an excellent position to provide sub-contracting support to any lead provider in the East Midlands, Yorkshire and Humber.

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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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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 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.</p> <p>Prison Residencies and Workshops</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The aims of residencies are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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).</p> <p>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.'</p> <p>Resettlement Work</p> <p>We work intensively with around 100 women offenders / those at risk at our London based</p>	

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	East Riding College
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Yorkshire and the Humber
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Area of Activity	Vocational/Employability
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>East Riding College is a successful further education college delivering training to young people and adults, including offenders, across Yorkshire and the Humber. The College was recently judged by Ofsted to be outstanding for leadership and management, including quality assurance and value for money, together with capacity to improve. The concurrent PFA audit judged financial management, control and evaluation also as outstanding.</p> <p>The College has considerable current expertise and experience in the delivery and management of offender learning, including 'through the gate' opportunities and subsequent progression. The College has an excellent knowledge of the requirements of Yorkshire and the Humber.</p> <p>The College currently delivers training to offenders under the OLASS 3 contract in eight prisons including HMP Full Sutton, HMP Hull, HMP Everthorpe, HMP Lindholme, HMO/YOI Moorland Closed, HMP Wealstun, HMP Leeds and HMP/YOI Wetherby. There are strong relationships between the College and HMP personnel. This, together with the excellent compliance rates, has led to the College's delivery being praised as amongst the most successful in the country.</p> <p>The College delivers a curriculum offer which is consistent across the region following the 'Reducing Re-offending through Skills and Employment' agenda, and includes Level 2 CAA Construction Diplomas in bricklaying, plastering, joinery, painting and decorating, domestic electrics, tiling, maintenance operations, interior fittings and health & safety. There is a full team of directly-employed vocational trainers in place.</p> <p>Contract compliance for 2010/11 was 98.1% providing continuity of delivery using well-</p>	

established cover arrangements for annual leave, sickness and other absence. For 2010/11, the achievement rate was 97% (national average 62%) and retention 99%. The overall success rate for 2010/11 was 96%.

The College's quality assurance systems have rigour and are effective in terms of EV reports, lesson observation profiles, self-assessment processes and on-going CPD for staff. All Ofsted reports have been at least good under the College's delivery. Employees are qualified in trade-specific areas, hold or are working towards a Certificate in Education and have appropriate literacy, numeracy and IT qualifications. All hold appropriate safeguarding and prison-craft training.

The College has the capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to deliver vocational and employability-led training across all required disciplines, in all establishments within the four clusters across Yorkshire and the Humber. Provision is led by senior management, operational managers and senior vocational trainers based in each cluster.

The College can offer on-going or completion further education training in allocated centres across the region linking to apprenticeship opportunities on release and for those on temporary licence.

The College has community partners working on 'through the gate' initiatives to provide volunteer and employment routes to include apprenticeship opportunities backed by other essential support services.

Learner achievement has exceeded all expectations and these results are leading to real sustainable employment, raised learner morale and self-esteem enabling ex-offenders to become valued members of society.

The College has demonstrated, that through effective initial assessment, support for individual needs, mentoring and embedded functional skills, it can deliver rounded learning programmes for success with support on release to achieve the reducing re-offending targets.

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Name of organisation	Endeavour
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	East Midlands, South Yorkshire, North East, London
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Area of activity	NEET, Young Offenders, 12 – 24yrs
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
Endeavour is an Educational Charity of over 55 years standing. Working with challenging, hard to reach young people. Using experiential learning techniques, by engaging young people in outdoor activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, archery, biking, abseiling etc and then linking back to the classroom. Endeavour delivers	

accredited and non accredited bespoke courses aimed at developing self esteem, confidence and motivation. Accredited courses are delivered under the ASDAN & NCFE awarding bodies.

The courses assist the participants in helping provide learner pathways, providing a platform for further training and ultimately improving the young persons employability opportunities.

Our work is carried out in the East Midlands, South Yorkshire, the North East and London.

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Name of Organisation	FINE CELL WORK
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Midlands (Whatton, Gartree) - Greater London (Send, Brixton, Wandsworth) - Kent & Sussex (Maidstone) - Northeast (Frankland) - Northwest (Wymott) - South Central (Bullington, Albany, Kingston) - South West (Leyhill, Shepton Mallett) - West Midlands (Long Lartin, Drake Hall) - Yorkshire & Humber (Leeds, Full Sutton, Wakefield)
Named Contact	Katy Emck
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Area of Activity	Professional, commercial craftwork to build employability skills

Description of Activity (in 500 words)

Fine Cell Work is a social enterprise which trains prisoners to do high quality, paid craftwork in their cells to improve mental health, build employability skills and motivate them to engage with learning outside of a normal educational environment. FCW works with 420 prisoners annually and is geared to long-term, male and female, high risk offenders who stay on the programme for two to ten years. They are encouraged to save a nestegg for themselves or support their families, and to develop the technical skill and personal discipline to execute professional commissions done to deadlines.

Prisoners on the programme work for 20-40 hours a week in their cells. They make hand-embroidered quilts, cushions, clothes, rugs and furniture covers which are sold to the top of the market: museums, interior designers and the general public.

FCW has a track record of 15 years of steady and substantial growth as a social enterprise, and a staff team who are highly experienced in training prisoners to create high quality craft products for a commercial market.

A recent evaluation stated the programme

- Promotes calmness and concentration
- Provides prisoners volunteering for FCW with experience of managing teams and developing people
- Gives prisoners an opportunity to gain respect and a sense of achievement
- Is therapeutic and helps with mental disorders
- Provides a positive focus during a long sentence
- Provides 'a keyhole' to the outside world and non-criminal life
- Offers a 'new' identity and hope for the future

Fine Cell Workshops

Our aim is to enable prisoners to gain motivation and "work-readiness" through the creative experience of cellwork and to follow on with further employment preparation through gaining accredited skills in workshops.

Fine Cell Workshops are like a small, family business or "Studio" with prisoners engaged in meeting targets for the production of a range of soft furnishings items, as well as in stock taking, tracking orders, generating monthly reports and meeting deadlines for professionally commissioned work. Prisoners also engage in group-work on large-scale commissions: examples include a quilt for the V&A, furnishings for English Heritage and a firescreen for Virgin Radio.

Accredited courses taught in FCW workshops include level 1 and 2 certificates in Soft Furnishings and Traditional Upholstery, as well as Level 1 to 3 Awards in Creative Craft. Prisoners continue to do cellwork alongside workshop training so the training is in a new and productive, "busy" way of life.

The strength of Fine Cell Work is that it enables prisoners to develop pride in a "corporate," non-criminal identity associated with high quality products that are valued by external customers. This increases prisoners' motivation to learn and grounds education provision in a credible employment setting.

Prisoners doing FCW are known for their can-do attitude:

"You hope people realize you are making a worthwhile product; something someone, somewhere appreciates. It's something to do, but it gives you contact with the outside world, giving something back as well., There must be a more constructive way of spending £44k of taxpayer's money yearly keeping us locked up wasting away. There's so much more I could be doing."

“I have seen people who’ve never done this sort of thing before, and as they’ve finished their first piece of work, they’re really over the moon that they’ve managed to finish something, or create something for the first time.”

“I like a deadline to work to. I enjoy doing commissions because you take more pride in what you are doing”

“I say ‘If it can be done I’ll do it, if it can’t be done I’ll try.’”

The quality of the product and programme can be viewed on www.finecellwork.co.uk

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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 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.</p> <p>i2i proposes to deliver a portion of OLASS 4 provision for a forward-thinking and innovative prime contractor.</p>	
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Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North East, Northwest, East Midlands, Yorkshire & Humber – All clusters/prisons
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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 NCFE</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We hold substantial contracts with the SFA and have established Quality Assurance, Equality and Diversity, Health & Safety, Management Information and Environmental policies in place.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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	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
Named contact	Julie Gough
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Area of activity	National
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>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 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</p>	
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Name of organisation	Leeds City College
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Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Yorkshire and Humber Cluster 2 HMP Leeds HMP Wealstun
Named contact	Jennie Beaumont
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Email	Jennie.beaumont@leedscitycollege.ac.uk
Area of activity	16-18 and Adult Further Education
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Leeds City College is the UK's third largest Further Education establishment, offering an extensive range of full and part-time courses for post 16s, adult learners and employers. The College's core provision covers all 15 sector subject areas, offering training and qualifications from Entry Level to Foundation Degrees. The College has membership of six industry specific National Skills Academies: Creative and Cultural Skills, Financial Services, Retail Skills, Sport and Active Leisure, Hospitality and Food Management, Print Technology.</p> <p>All students at the College are offered Information, Advice and Guidance support, Welfare and Counselling services. Ex-offenders, refugees, carers, substance users and homeless learners are able to access specific programmes and support to meet their needs. The Student Services and Learning Support team supports students with a range of disabilities and needs including mobility, visual and hearing impairment, behavioural and educational issues. Specialist support is offered to assess and support students with dyslexia and dyscalculia</p> <p>Leeds City College has a wide range of community centres based in neighbourhoods across the region, some of them in deprived neighbourhoods. Staff have a wealth of experience of working alongside disengaged and vulnerable adults, NEETS, unemployed people, lone parents and BAME groups. Examples of programmes in these areas include The Prince's Trust, programmes for teenage parents, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Employability training, Music Production, Gym Fitness, Manicure and Hair Care.</p> <p>The College has an outstanding track record of supporting unemployed people with personal support, vocational training, basic skills qualifications and progression routes to Higher Education. Recent projects supporting people into employment have included Response to Redundancy, Event Volunteering (Personal Best) and Six Months Plus Unemployed. 27% of the 1400 beneficiaries completing the latter programme entered employment and 68% of the Personal Best beneficiaries entered either paid or voluntary work.</p>	

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Name of Organisation	Leeds College of Building
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Yorkshire & Humber South Yorkshire (Other regions considered)
Named Contact	Derek Whitehead
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Area of Activity	Construction & the Built Environment and Health & Safety

Description of Activity (in 500 words)

Leeds College of Building is the only GFE college specialising in Construction & the Built Environment. The College has 360 staff and covers a range of provision from Entry Level in Basic Construction Craft Trades, Level 1-3 and Apprenticeship & Advanced Apprenticeship provision through to Technician level and Higher National and HNDs in Civil Engineering, Building Services Engineering and Construction Management. Annual learner numbers are approximately 8,000. The College also offers a broad range of Health & Safety provision, including CSCS card training etc. At the College's last Ofsted Inspection (November 2010) all grades awarded were Good or Outstanding. In HE, through the Integrated Quality Enhancement Review, the College was given the highest judgement of "Confidence" for the management of the learners' experiences and quality of provision. The College holds the Training Quality Standard (now Training Excellence), Matrix and ISO18001 H&S. The College has previous experience of working at HMP Armley; delivering Health & Safety qualifications and Painting & Decorating for inmates. More recently the College (over the last two years) has been delivering Level 2/3 Certificates in Maintenance on Prison sites for HMP staff nationally. The College and staff members involved are aware of security procedures etc. associated with such delivery. The College also has a track record over the last five years of managing ESF OLASS contracts for learners referred by West Yorkshire Probation Services, in which the College, together with partners, have delivered a range of community projects and tasters, non-accredited provision together with accredited Notional Level 1 and full Level 1 qualifications in Construction trades. LCB through these and other SFA projects have had 'qualified' audit reports on all work through effective organisations, monitoring and ensuring documentation fully meets funding requirements. The College has a large number of Construction and the Built Environment employers that fully support the College's provision and help with work placements and employment for our learners; much of which is repeat business. LCB would ensure, with this sub-contracting arrangement, that a key account / project manager would be assigned to the contract to work with the lead organisation.

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Name of organisation	n-ergy consortium
Location of delivery	Kent and Sussex clusters 1,2,3 and 4

Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	South Central clusters 1 and 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
Named contact	John Bevan
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Email	jbevan@n-ergygroup.com
Area of activity	Adults and young people (offenders and ex-offenders)
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p><u>n-ergy consortium</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The key strategic aims for n-ergy consortium ltd in engaging with this group are therefore:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Below is a summary of the principal functions of the three parts of n-ergy consortium.</p> <p>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.</p>	

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 contracts. 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	North East Chamber of Commerce
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	North East/NorthYorkshire
Named contact	John Millichap
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Area of activity	Training/Employer Engagement
Description of activity (in 500 words)	

The North East Chamber of Commerce is a membership led organisation with specialised and vast knowledge within local employer needs, this includes policy, regional representation and in addition through our training division, skill training and development. NECC currently have over 4,000. employer members ranging from sole traders to global organisations. The NECC has provided skill and training development training through a number of initiatives in government funded learning opportunities, such as Apprenticeship programmes, Train to Gain, JCP contracting, E2E and ESF projects, delivered across a wide spectrum of occupational sector areas including, Engineering and Manufacturing, Service, Health Care, Business and Management and specialised areas such as Financial Services, NECC actively engage in business growth areas such as technical and science interventions, sales and marketing and skill shortage areas as identified in the Regional Employability Framework. NECC are currently delivering Apprenticeships, Train to Gain and Foundation Learning.

In addition to these core business sectors, we offer a wide range of interventions through our comprehensive skills portfolio, a complimentary training offer through short interventions such as management skills, sales, health and safety and general business requirements. NECC are currently expanding training services and programmes to include employer growth need areas in line with skill shortage areas within the Regional Employability Framework and action plan, this will enable NECC to offer a full compliment to employers and individuals seeking to improve job opportunities and skill levels throughout the region.

NECC training also has a dedicated regional business development team who are responsible for sourcing vacancies and then providing a free recruitment service for those employers who have engaged with us.

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Name of Organisation	Optimas Training Ltd Moorgate Crofts Business Centre South Grove, Alma Road Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 2EN
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Delivery across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Cluster 4
Named Contact	Matthew Smith
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Area of Activity	Training and Development Provider
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Optimas Training Ltd are a training provider based in Rotherham, with assessors and trainers across the UK, providing Learner Responsive training and development, NVQ delivery, and Apprenticeship training in over 100 qualifications, accredited to City and Guilds, ILM and CMI awarding bodies.</p> <p>Sectors to include: Sales and Telesales Business Administration Customer Service Management Information Advice and Guidance Leadership and Management in Care Services</p>	

Team Leader
 Learning and Development
 Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
 Information Technology
 Retail Skills
 Storage and Warehousing
 PTLLS
 CTLLS
 Food Hygiene
 CIEH
 Manual Handling

We deliver qualifications to Level 7, alongside key skills, basic skills, IT communications, literacy and numeracy, and foundation learning. Added to this we deliver employability skills as part of our offer. We also deliver bespoke training in a variety of subjects, as identified with an employer, and we can be responsive to the special needs of OLASS clientele.

Our achievement rate at present is 84% across Apprenticeships and NVQ delivery.

We hold contracts with:
 Yorkshire Training Partnership
 Independent Training Services
 A4E
 to deliver Apprenticeships and NVQs
 New contract for delivery of Apprenticeships with North Notts College for 2011/2012.

Optimas have full policies and procedures in place which you would expect from an experienced training provider, and these can be seen on request. We are also accredited to the Matrix Standard.

All assessors and trainers are enhanced CRB checked, and have undertaken Safeguarding Training to work with these vulnerable groups, with the ability to provide Additional Learner Support.

We have a fully experienced sales team, with a large database of employers who may be willing to place a client after release from prison, with the expectation of a full time position, where training will continue, and hopefully progression to higher vocational qualifications. Apprenticeship places will be offered in line with the OLASS comparable offer.

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Name of Organisation	Optimas Training Ltd Moorgate Crofts Business Centre South Grove, Alma Road Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 2EN
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Delivery across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Cluster 3
Named Contact	Matthew Smith

Phone	01709 331163
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Area of Activity	Training and Development Provider
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Optimas Training Ltd are a training provider based in Rotherham, with assessors and trainers across the UK, providing Learner Responsive training and development, NVQ delivery, and Apprenticeship training in over 100 qualifications, accredited to City and Guilds, ILM and CMI awarding bodies.</p> <p>Sectors to include: Sales and Telesales Business Administration Customer Service Management Information Advice and Guidance Leadership and Management in Care Services Team Leader Learning and Development Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Information Technology Retail Skills Storage and Warehousing PTLLS CTLLS Food Hygiene CIEH Manual Handling</p> <p>We deliver qualifications to Level 7, alongside key skills, basic skills, IT communications, literacy and numeracy, and foundation learning. Added to this we deliver employability skills as part of our offer. We also deliver bespoke training in a variety of subjects, as identified with an employer, and we can be responsive to the special needs of OLASS clientele.</p> <p>Our achievement rate at present is 84% across Apprenticeships and NVQ delivery.</p> <p>We hold contracts with: Yorkshire Training Partnership Independent Training Services A4E To deliver Apprenticeships and NVQs We are developing a contract to deliver Apprenticeships with North Notts College for 2011/2012.</p> <p>Optimas have full policies and procedures in place which you would expect from an experienced training provider, and these can be seen on request. We are also accredited to the Matrix Standard.</p> <p>All assessors and trainers are enhanced CRB checked, and have undertaken Safeguarding Training to work with these vulnerable groups.</p> <p>We have a fully experienced sales team, with a large database of employers who may be willing to place a client after release from prison, with the expectation of a full time position, where training will continue, and hopefully progression to higher qualifications.</p>	

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Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Delivery across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Cluster 2
Named Contact	Matthew Smith
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Email	matt@optimas-training.co.uk
Area of Activity	Training and Development Provider
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Optimas Training Ltd are a training provider based in Rotherham, with assessors and trainers across the UK, providing Learner Responsive training and development, NVQ delivery, and Apprenticeship training in over 100 qualifications, accredited to City and Guilds, ILM and CMI awarding bodies.</p> <p>Sectors to include: Sales and Telesales Business Administration Customer Service Management Information Advice and Guidance Leadership and Management in Care Services Team Leader Learning and Development Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Information Technology Retail Skills Storage and Warehousing PTLLS CTLLS Food Hygiene CIEH Manual Handling</p> <p>We deliver qualifications to Level 7, alongside key skills, basic skills, IT communications, literacy and numeracy, and foundation learning. Added to this we deliver employability skills as part of our offer. We also deliver bespoke training in a variety of subjects, as identified with an employer, and we can be responsive to the special needs of OLASS clientele.</p> <p>Our achievement rate at present is 84% across Apprenticeships and NVQ delivery.</p> <p>We hold contracts with: Yorkshire Training Partnership Independent Training Services A4E to deliver Apprenticeships and NVQs</p>	

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Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Delivery across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Cluster 1
Named Contact	Matthew Smith
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Area of Activity	Training and Development Provider
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Optimas Training Ltd are a training provider based in Rotherham, with assessors and trainers across the UK, providing Learner Responsive training and development, NVQ delivery, and Apprenticeship training in over 100 qualifications, accredited to City and Guilds, ILM and CMI awarding bodies.</p> <p>Sectors to include: Sales and Telesales Business Administration Customer Service Management Information Advice and Guidance Leadership and Management in Care Services Team Leader Learning and Development Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Information Technology Retail Skills Storage and Warehousing</p>	

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Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	Delivery across the Yorkshire and Humber Region. Looking at particularly Cluster 3, with the possibility of Cluster 4
Named Contact	Matthew Smith
Phone	01709 331163

Email	matt@optimas-training.co.uk
Area of Activity	Training and Development Provider
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Optimas Training Ltd are a training provider based in Rotherham, with assessors and trainers across the UK, providing Learner Responsive training and development, NVQ delivery, and Apprenticeship training in over 100 qualifications, accredited to City and Guilds, ILM and CMI awarding bodies.</p> <p>Sectors to include: Sales and Telesales Business Administration Customer Service Management Information Advice and Guidance Leadership and Management in Care Services Team Leader Learning and Development Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Information Technology Retail Skills Storage and Warehousing PTLLS CTLLS Food Hygiene CIEH Manual Handling</p> <p>We deliver qualifications to Level 7, alongside key skills, basic skills, IT communications, literacy and numeracy, and foundation learning. Added to this we deliver employability skills as part of our offer. We also deliver bespoke training in a variety of subjects, as identified with an employer, and we can be responsive to the special needs of OLASS clientele.</p> <p>Our achievement rate at present is 84% across Apprenticeships and NVQ delivery.</p> <p>We hold contracts with: Yorkshire Training Partnership Independent Training Services A4E To deliver Apprenticeships and NVQs We are developing a contract to deliver Apprenticeships with North Notts College for 2011/2012.</p> <p>Optimas have full policies and procedures in place which you would expect from an experienced training provider, and these can be seen on request. We are also accredited to the Matrix Standard.</p> <p>All assessors and trainers are enhanced CRB checked, and have undertaken Safeguarding Training to work with these vulnerable groups.</p> <p>We have a fully experienced sales team, with a large database of employers who may be willing to place a client after release from prison, with the expectation of a full time position, where training will continue, and hopefully progression to higher qualifications.</p>	
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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
Description of Activity (in 500 words)	
<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>We also bring wide experience of supporting the full range of offender groups, achieving parity of outcomes for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 (CTLTS/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	The Pluss Organisation
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	We deliver services across the entire SW of England area, plus in Yorkshire and Humberside
Named contact	Steve Hawkins
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Area of activity	Specialist support for people with physical / learning disability, and for those with mental health issues.
<p>Description of activity (<i>in 500 words</i>)</p> <p>Pluss are a specialist organisation with a proven track record of securing employment for people furthest from the labour market. We have experience of delivering major DWP-funded programmes including Work Step, Work Prep, and Work Choice (where we are currently prime contractor in Devon & Cornwall, and Yorkshire & Humberside). As at October 2011, our Work Choice contract is the highest performing contract of its type. We have also subcontracted on a wide range of DWP contracts including FND, and LSC-funded services. We specific experience in working with offenders, having successfully delivered as a subcontractor on NOMS, providing through the gate provision.</p> <p>We know that there is a high incidence of people within the prison population who suffer from learning disabilities (inc dyslexia and dyspraxia), and mental health issues. Our experience in providing work-focussed provision for this customer group means that we can offer a critical specialism for bidding organisations which will mitigate the impact of these conditions. In addition, we operate intermediate labour market activities, which offer outcomes including self-employment, which will be particularly viable for people with a history of offending behaviour.</p>	
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Name of Organisation	SOVA
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	East Midlands East of England Greater London North East North West South East West Midlands Yorkshire and the Humber
Named Contact	Anna Mellish
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Email	businessdevelopment@sova.org.uk
Area of Activity	Young people and adults, IAG including mentoring

and support

Description of Activity (in 500 words)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Employer Engagement

Building on existing links with local and national employers, SOVA can facilitate a relationship between 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	Startup
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Greater London, Kent & Sussex, North East, North West, South Central, South West, West Midlands, Yorkshire & Humber
Named contact	Tanya Tracey
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Area of activity	Self-Employment support and funding for Offenders/ex-offenders
Description of activity (in 500 words)	
<p>Startup work with offenders and ex-offenders to support them with self-employment. This is done through advice sessions, one to one business support with a business advisor and funding for materials and equipment. We also have a dedicated Peer Mentoring service to support clients post funding.</p> <p>We have run several projects and programmes where Startup work with prisons and the probation service to support ex-offenders into self-employment. We do this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Startupnow days • One to one business advice • Business Plan development • Purchasing equipment • Peer mentor support • Access to an accountant and insurance for the first year • Website design and marketing <p>We ran a Startupnow day at HMP Holme House and saw 12 men in which 4 successfully went on to become self-employed. The businesses were: Cleaning, Plumbing and 2 Motor car businesses.</p> <p><u>Womens Project 2010-2011</u></p> <p>Startup's current project was funded to work with female offenders and ex-offenders. We currently work with all the female estates where we gain much of our referrals. In 2010-2011 we have worked with 240 women who were referred from prison, probation and community organisations. We went on to work with 120 of those who were still interested in self-employment and had a business idea they wanted to develop and then went on to fund 60 women to become self-employed who chose that self-employment was the best option for them. We have a 0% reoffending rate from those women that were funded.</p> <p>The women are supported for one year with access to a business advisor, an accountant and support with insurance. They have access to the Peer Mentor Manager who runs sessions in the community to allow women to support one another. Here the sessions range from informal drop in clinics to formal sessions on marketing, accounts and IT.</p> <p>The businesses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning 	

- Beauty Therapists
- Catering
- Events management
- Hairdressing
- Photography
- Videography
- Training Companies
- Personal Training

We have a big demand for our services in prisons and work in Askham Grange, Styal, Send, Eastwood Park, East Sutton Park, Holloway, Downview, Foston Hall and Bronzefield. The male estate have also made requests for support such as Erlestoke, Durham, Kingston and Sudbury

Quotes from prisons:

HMP Send

"...Startup's positive influence is omnipresent wherever I go. The advice and support given is always delivered with enthusiasm as well as honesty, the result of which can be often be life changing..."

HMP Styal

".....the fantastic service that Startup provided to HMP Styal Achieve Project during 2010. ... this project supports women whilst in prison and ready for resettlement into employment, training, work placements and to hopefully reduce re offending ...because of the excellent service they (Startup) provided news of the work Startup did spread very quickly across the prison and we have women asking daily about the Startup service. I have a list of another 10 women who would benefit from the Startup service compiled over the last couple of weeks. I could provide work for Startup to keep them very busy for several years...."

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Name of Organisation	Stockton Riverside College
Location of Delivery Unit of Procurement/s Cluster/s	North East Yorkshire and Humber

Named Contact	Sophie Pratt
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Area of Activity	<p>Vocational skills and employability delivery</p> <p>Skills for Life Employability programmes Pre apprenticeships programmes Employer engagement. ESOL Support for learners with learning difficulties or disabilities Informal Adult Learning Peer mentoring</p>
Description of Activity (<i>in 500 words</i>)	
<p>The main business activities of the College are Further Education and Training and offer courses in 14 of the 15 Sector Subject Areas which are responsive to local labour market needs.</p> <p>SRC delivers 400 qualifications across all levels from entry level up to higher education, working with partner universities. The college offer a variety of full-time and part-time academic, pre-vocational, vocational, work-based learning and pre-employment. In addition the college offers apprenticeship and PCDL programmes, Foundation Learning, functional skills and a substantial Employer Responsive programme, delivering to adult learners and people who are employed.</p> <p>Stockton Riverside College (SRC) has specialist experience in delivering to offender learners. SRC is unique as the only FE College to have delivered Training & Educational Support Services for Young Offenders to the Intensive Supervision & Support Programme to the most prolific and persistent Young Offenders across Tees Valley.</p> <p>SRC delivered the Enhanced Information & Guidance Service for Offenders Serving Community Sentences across Tees Valley and Durham.</p> <p>In addition SRC successfully deliver specialist provision for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. SRC has developed a Peripatetic Learning Support Service for individuals with specific support needs including BESD, autism, mental health, dyslexia, visual and hearing impairments. SRC has also established a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service.</p> <p>SRC recently delivered a Youth Participation Project in Tees Valley specifically for learners with Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties and successfully used a partnership approach to the design, delivery and monitoring of this project given the complex needs of these young people and the need to involve a range of agencies.</p> <p>Ofsted recognised the successful engagement and delivery to offenders: "The college has</p>	

widened opportunities for disadvantaged and socially excluded groups, such as offenders and those at risk of offending, through work with The Prince's Trust and Kirklevington Prison."

As the largest provider of the Princes Trust in the North of England & second largest in the country, the college has experience of delivering learning & skills to disadvantaged learners, including learners with BESD, and was awarded the LSC Delivery Partnership Award & the National Delivery Partner.

SRC also have strength or expertise with engaging with Black and Minority Ethnic Groups, delivering a range of English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) provision from pre entry Level to ESOL Level 3.

A further strength of the college are the established links with employers at the Ofsted inspection highlighted the college employer engagement as outstanding. Employer engagement at the college has put in place a range of employer partnerships. SRC Business Solutions are the employer engagement division of SRC, and provides high quality consultancy and advice with specialist expertise in a wide range of sectors.

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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
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Description of Activity (in 500 words)

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.

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	Wakefield College
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Yorkshire and the Humber Cluster 2 Cluster 4 Cluster 5
Named contact	Ian Wainwright
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Area of activity	Adult education/ Foundation Skills/Employability

Description of activity (in 500 words)

Wakefield College is the only general Further Education College servicing the Wakefield Metropolitan District. Currently enrolled we have over 10,000 full and part time students from school leavers to adult learners, and place engagement, recruitment, delivery of flexible learning, evaluation and sustainability at the centre of the College ethos.

Our 2010 OFSTED inspection saw a 'good' or 'outstanding' rating in 21 out of 22 areas, and have embedded Equality and Diversity, Health & Safety Quality Assurance policies in place.

We are a well-established long term provider of accredited and non accredited courses to learners across the West Yorkshire sub-region. We offer a range training and qualifications from entry-level Skills for Life to Apprenticeships, foundation degrees and Access to Higher Education.

The College has successfully delivered successful external projects, national and international, for more than 20 years, and have previously provided Information Advice and Guidance, delivered Key Skills and Lifestyle learning to offenders, as well as training and qualifications to staff, within both HMP Wakefield and HMP New Hall.

There exists within the College a wealth of experience and capacity to further co-ordinate this type of activity, with many previous projects being both complex and with a focus on a target group. Our previous provision includes:

- Entry2Employment (e2e)
- Entry2Volunteering (e2v)
- NEETs
- Train to Gain
- European Social Fund Objective 2,3 &4 ESF/ERDF
- Coalfield Regeneration
- Neighbourhood Renewal
- Future Jobs Fund
- 6 Months Unemployed with the Job Centre Plus
- The Skills Enhancement Fund (Single Business Applications, Provider Applications, Commissioned Activity and Geographical Frameworks)
- Rapid Response to Redundancy

Training and/or qualifications offered to learners will depend on individual need and we would work with the Primary contractor to determine what is most suitable for them in relation to their intended destination.

We would be able to provide learners with skills in areas linked to finding employment, such as CV writing, job searching, interviewing skills including practical workshops, working as a team, getting ready for work. Our aim is to provide skills and support that will build confidence and encourage participants to become aspirational. Leading to the development and implementation of training and qualifications that will lead to sustainable activity such as progression to accredited programmes, work with voluntary organisations to encourage volunteering, use links with businesses in the district to promote increased participation/access to apprenticeship schemes and/or work placements, as well as highlight pathways into sustained employment.

Alongside our long-term provision we are able to offer a range of accredited and non-accredited short courses in; Customer Services, Introduction to Health Care, Team Leading, First Line Management, a number of First Aid qualifications, and a variety of Catering Level 1 and 2 Catering qualifications. In addition we specialise in the delivery of qualifications for the Logistics and Supply Chain sector as this sector is a key driver in the local economy. We also deliver a range of qualifications in Logistics, Warehousing, Driver CPC and H&S qualifications.

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Name of organisation	Wakefield District Wellbeing Consortium
Location of delivery Unit of procurement/s cluster/s	Wakefield & Leeds Yorkshire & Humber Clusters 2, 4 & 5
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Area of activity	Wellbeing-related services (skills, building self-esteem, job clubs, mental health issues etc)
<p>Description of activity (in 500 words)</p> <p>The Consortium is a ‘special purpose vehicle’, specifically established by the voluntary sector (with the support of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and NHS Wakefield District) to enable collective delivery of public sector tenders and commissions by smaller, local VCS organisations in Wakefield District.</p> <p>The Consortium carries out a whole range of management functions such as marketing, partnership development, tender writing and negotiation, contract management, monitoring and outcome/impact measurement. Our 30+ members deliver the commissioned services.</p> <p>Most of our members have successfully run contracts or SLAs for the local authority and/or the PCT. These include: vocational training, family learning, mental health support, adult education, health awareness, offender counselling, employment skills and many others.</p> <p>Additionally, the Consortium’s staff team is highly experienced, between them having run various ESF/ERDF programmes with a total value of over £3m and delivering contracts for a range of public sector agencies including the LSC, DWP, DfE, DCLG and MoJ.</p> <p>Our key offer is to be a single point of contracting for collaborative delivery by our members.</p> <p>Consortium members represent a whole range of potential delivery areas, both geographically and thematically. A full list can be found on our website www.wakefieldwellbeing.org.uk. The following is a small selection of current services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community venues in Glasshoughton, Eastmoor, Lupset, Sandal, Hemsworth, Agbrigg and Bellevue, South Kirkby, Wakefield Town Centre, Kinsley and Fitzwilliam, Pontefract • Hosting informal and accredited adult learning (e.g. from ESOL and confidence building to arts and crafts classes) • Youth activity (e.g. youth workers, specialist classes in drama, day care activities for young people with learning disabilities) • Support for older people (e.g. day care services, telebuddying, social activities, intergenerational activities, transport) • Community development and building social capital (e.g. volunteering opportunities, small group development, community days) • Access to employment opportunities (e.g. job clubs, personal development training, IT training and access to computers) • Support for people with physical disabilities (e.g. advice and information, social opportunities, advice and access to specialist equipment) • Support for people with mental health issues (eg counselling, drop in activities, support groups and courses) 	
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