Expressions of Interest

Learning and Skills Training Provision 2007/8

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) for England invites expressions of interest from organisations for the supply of learning and skills provision to employers, employees and individuals not in work across England in the following areas:

- Basic Skills and Employability provision for Jobcentre Plus customers
- Apprenticeships, Work Based Learning [16-24year olds]
- Apprenticeships for Adults, Work Based Learning [25+]
- A range of enhanced skills and employment activities
- Specific areas of provision as identified in Regional Commissioning Plans

The Council is seeking expressions of interest from organisations that are already in receipt of LSC funds and from those organisations who wish to access LSC funds for the first time.

The introduction of competitive tendering for provision is designed to open up the learning and skills market by enabling the best colleges and providers to extend their range of provision and by attracting new providers into the system to increase diversity, improve quality and stimulate innovation in the market. There are four triggers for competitive tendering:

- New investment
- Restructuring of provision or delivery model restructuring
- Significant gaps in provision
- Poor quality and the failure to meet minimum performance levels

Further information and an on-line pre-qualification questionnaire are available on the LSC eTendering Portal: www.lsc.bravosolution.com

Instructions and online help will be available on the portal, should you require any assistance.

On-line submissions must be completed by 17:00 on March 16th 2007.

The LSC requires organisations applying to supply learning and skills provision to register with UKRLP at www.ukrlp.co.uk and supply the LSC with a UK provider registration number and to maintain contact details on an on-going basis.