Subject: Framework for Excellence – Pilot 2008/09

Dear Colleague,

This week’s Framework for Excellence Pilot Update covers:

1) Development and Focus Groups
2) Employer Views survey information
3) Pilot Guidance.

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Development and Focus Groups

An updated table showing the Development and Focus Groups, together with the dates and locations of meetings, is available on the Framework for Excellence website at http://ffe.lsc.gov.uk/pilot/. Please take a minute to look at the table.

Note that meeting times will generally be from 10.30 to 14.30 to allow time for travel to and from the meetings.

We are particularly keen for as many pilot providers as possible to attend these groups. An overview of the Framework and the Pilot will be presented to each group, as well as dealing with its specific topic area.

If you are interested in attending please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk.

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Employer Views Survey

You will shortly be invited to confirm the names of the employers to whom you have delivered LSC-funded training in 2007/08.

This will be in the form of a spreadsheet, pre-populated with the information we have already received (for example, through the ILR). It is possible that this list is not a complete and accurate list of all employers in scope for the survey, so please check it and upload correct details.

At present, if you are part of a consortium, only the lead organisation should be issuing a questionnaire.

If you have any queries about the survey please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk

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Pilot Guidance

Apologies for the delay to the publication of the Pilot Guidance document, which we aim to publish as soon as possible. This document will furnish pilot providers with detailed guidance to support their participation in the pilot. As well as describing the Framework, it will include actions (for example, collection of data) required from pilot providers. Any specific actions will be highlighted at the appropriate time. This document will be reviewed and updated as the pilot progresses.

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I look forward to meeting you at one of our groups, events or workshops, but if you have any queries or feedback, please contact ffepilot@lsc.gov.uk.