

**ESF RE-TENDERING EXERCISE – EAST MIDLANDS EM07
LEICESTER CITY**

Q & A LOG FOR WEEK ENDING 17th October 2008

| QUESTION | ANSWER |
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| <i>If we want to be a subcontractor do you know if we need to compete an expression of interest?" Are you able to provide me with DWP/ your guidance on this question?</i> | The answer to your question is that organisations wishing to become sub-contractors do not need to register an expression of interest as a potential bidder. |
| Would clients who begin on JobMaets, who then find work, be able to be supported under the JobMaets programme and also the employment support programme? | This is an eligibility, rather than contractual, query and I therefore suggest that you address it to Jobcentre Plus – probably via your local Third Party Manager |
| When will FAQs be posted on the website? | Now we have had some queries we will post a Q&A Log this week. |
| What is the value of the discretionary fund to be administered to remove individual's barriers to work? | As regards the Discretionary Fund. Part 12 of the Local Specification for Leicester City states: <i>"Facility for Discretionary Funding is included in the indicative contract value and providers should identify the amount to be used and how it will be allocated."</i> |
| Will DWP set the eligibility criteria for the discretionary fund? | Part 2 of the Local Specification requires tenderers to: <i>"Establish and administer a discretionary fund, where Advisor Discretionary Fund (ADF) or other funding is not applicable, to remove individuals' barriers to work."</i> |
| We currently hold a Workstep contract, can individuals eligible for this provision, access our Workstep programme at the same time to access additional support outside of this provision? Or do we have to sign them on and then off one provision to another? | The Local Specification also outlines the Aims of Provision which includes: <i>"Activity will run individually tailored provision, which provides a <u>full and inclusive range of support</u> in order to move customers into work. Activity is targeted at Jobcentre Plus priority groups, particularly those that are unemployed or economically inactive."</i> |
| Can we claim job outcomes on both provision? | As regards job outcomes, you would need to check the Provider Guidance for Workstep |
| The indicative contract value is between £520,000 to £650,000 for the initial 2 years 7 months of provision. The £975,000 amount mentioned, is that if the contract is extended for a further two years or is the highest value we can go to for the initial 2 years and 7 months of provision? | The contract value is £ 520,000 to £ 650,000 - your pricing proposal should not exceed this range. Should any contract awarded be extended, the maximum contract value shall not be greater than £ 975,000 (ie if the contract value for the initial two years 7 months totals £ 650,000, any extension shall be no more than £ 325,000). |