

## Notice to Providers – European Social Fund (ESF) Phase 2

### Invitation to Tender (ItT) Events (revised notice)

Dear Provider

Following the Notice to Providers dated [20<sup>th</sup> May 2009](#), a further notice was published on [22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009](#) informing of the delay in notifying organisations the outcome of the ESF Phase 2 PQQ Evaluation exercise. This notice is to confirm our intention to conduct the ItT events during June and advise of the revised dates. It also serves to provide an amended procurement timetable following the period of election (Purdah) announcement.

The new dates and locations of the events are as follows:

**Date:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Sheffield

**Date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Nottingham

**Date:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**Location:** London

**Date:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
**Location:** London

**Date:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
**Location:** Taunton

Full details of all the above events, including specific venues and how to reserve a place, will be displayed week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June.

In addition to the above events, organisations invited to submit an ItT and potential sub-contractors for the Cumbria and Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Cornwall contract package areas, are also invited to attend a local regional networking event. To express an interest in attending these events please follow the instructions for each location. The events will take place as follows:

#### **Greater Manchester**

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am to 2pm  
**Location:** De Vere Whites Hotel, Bolton

#### **Cumbria and Lancashire**

**Date:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am to 2pm  
**Location:** Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster

**Booking Arrangements:** For both the Greater Manchester and Cumbria and Lancashire events please complete the [attached registration form](#), clearly stating the location of the event, and email to: [ESF.ProviderNetworking@JOBCENTREPLUS.GSI.GOV.UK](mailto:ESF.ProviderNetworking@JOBCENTREPLUS.GSI.GOV.UK). Registration is on a first come, first served basis and attendance will be restricted to 1 delegate per organisation.

**Cornwall**

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1:30pm to 4:30pm

**Location:** Bodmin

**Booking Arrangements:** To express an interest in attending this event, email Di Kemp at: [DI.KEMP1@JOBCENTREPLUS.GSI.GOV.UK](mailto:DI.KEMP1@JOBCENTREPLUS.GSI.GOV.UK). When doing so please state your name, organisation, phone number and contact email address.

**Timetable**

As referred to previously, the procurement timetable has been amended to take into account the Purdah period. The table below details the revised dates and **replaces** Part 15 of the Instructions to Bidders document contained in the Invitation to Submit Pre-Qualification Questionnaire notice dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

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Final date for PQQ Questions	30 March 2009
Deadline for PQQ responses	Noon 14 April 2009
Short-listed Bidders Announced	w/c 8 June 2009
Issue ItT and Supporting Documentation	w/c 8 June 2009
Deadline for ItT responses	31 July 2009
ItT Clarification	3 August 2009 to 4 September 2009
ItT Evaluation	w/c 3 August 2009
Announcement of Preferred Bidders	w/c 14 September 2009
Post Tender Discussions	w/c 21 September 2009
Contract Award	w/c 19 October 2009
Implementation and Transition	26 October 2009 to 11 December 2009
Service Commencement	14 December 2009

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