

Notice to Providers – Specialist Disability Employment Programme Opportunities to Tender

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) Events

Dear Provider

Following the Notice to Providers, published on the Supplying DWP website on 16th March, we are now able to provide further details of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire events for the New Specialist Disability Employment Programme tendering round.

Five PQQ events will take place:

- Tuesday 31st March 2009 - Macdonald Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh
- Wednesday 1st April 2009 – The Queens Hotel, Leeds
- Friday 3rd April 2009 – Principal Hayley Palace Hotel, Manchester
- Tuesday 7th April 2009 – Marriott Cardiff Hotel, Cardiff
- Wednesday 8th April 2009 – Marriott Regents Park Hotel, London

All events are scheduled to start at 10:30am and finish at 3:30pm. It is anticipated there will be significant interest in these events and consequently organisations will be restricted to attendance at one event only, with a maximum of two delegates per organisation. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so all interested parties should complete the [Delegate Attendance Request form](#) and return to:

SPECIALISTDISABILITYPROVISION.BIRMINGHAM@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK.

Confirmation of places will be sent via e-mail along with an agenda and joining instructions. Directions to each of the venues can be found in the respective links below:

[The Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh](#)

[The Queens Hotels, Leeds](#)

[The Palace Hotel, Manchester](#)

[The Marriott Hotel, Cardiff](#)

[The Regents Park Marriott Hotel, London](#)

Incorporated in to the events, DWP will facilitate Expert Tables covering Funding Model/Payments, Transition, Design/Delivery, Surgery for Potential Sub Contractors and Supported Business Protection/Incentives. Additionally DWP has secured support from an external consultant to provide advice and guidance on formulating Consortia/Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV).

During this exercise DWP is looking to further facilitate networking opportunities between potential Prime and Sub-Contractors, including Third Sector and smaller organisations, by creating a networking database. Further information about this proposal will be given at the PQQ events and will also appear on the DWP website following publication of the PQQ. The full invitation to complete a PQQ is due to be published on the Supplying DWP website on 30th March 2009.

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