

DWP RIGHT TO BID BIDDER SUPPORT WORKSHOPS.

The Right to Bid initiative was introduced on 1 January 2009 and we are pleased to say that we have already had a significant amount of interest. However, our evaluation of the bids received to date has shown that many have failed at the first hurdle. This is mainly due to the bids proposing delivery models that replicate existing or planned Welfare to Work provision, or do not sit within DWP funded business, i.e. they describe LSC, Skills Development Scotland or Careers Wales funded provision.

In acknowledging this feedback, the aims of Right to Bid and the supporting processes have been clarified to help give potential bidders a greater understanding of our business, to help them target their proposals and increase the opportunities for success. The revised Right to Bid Bidders Guide now provides more clearly defined guidance on the ethos of Right to Bid and background information on DWP current work with Partners. A further key change has been the introduction of a £500,000 funding limit per Right to Bid proposal. The new revised guidance can be accessed here. <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/right-to-bid-bidders-guide.pdf>

In addition, the Right to Bid team are holding a number of workshops in **London - 4th November 09, Cardiff – 12th November 09 and Edinburgh – 17th November 09**. The purpose of these events is to give potential bidders the opportunity to discuss their emerging ideas that they may decide to put forward under the Right to Bid initiative. Potential bidders will be able to discuss if their ideas duplicate existing or planned provision and whether they fall within the remit of DWP. If you are interested in booking a 20 minute slot please email the Right to Bid mail box – right.tobid@dwp.gsi.gov.uk indicating which event you would prefer to attend.