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to promote Social Inclusion

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Overview

Welcome back and we hope you had a pleasant break over Christmas and New Year. Much is still uncertain as we await the full impact of the Coalition's Comprehensive Spending Review on agencies and programmes across London but we are keeping a close eye on matters and will be letting you know as soon as the final details of the main CFO tendering rounds of the second half of the ESF London Programme 2007-2013 are known.

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ESF and The Work Programme – Pricing your Project

To look at:

- Current funding environment
- Opportunities for funding with each CFO
- Implications of Prime Contracting models
- Proper Pricing of Services
- Cash flow (Rocket Science).

The workshop will look at opportunities for funding within the current rounds of ESF and possible other funding sources. The workshop will look at the Prime Contracting Model within the Work Programme and the pricing implications for top sliced funding with a middle tier of administration. The workshop will stress the importance of proper pricing of services to make contracts viable and the inherent risks to the cash flow of organisations as a consequence of output related funding. We will use the Rocket Science Cash Flow tool to demonstrate the risks.

The overall aim of the workshop is to demonstrate the importance of forward planning in the current funding environment where risk has been transferred to deliverers.

Following the workshop LVSTC will offer all those who attend a 1-to-1 surgery on pricing and the implementation of the Cash flow tool either at their premises or at LVSTC.

23rd February 2010

West London – The Doughnut Factory, Acton, W3
9.45am-12.30pm

2nd March 2010

Central London – Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3EU
9.45am-12.30pm

Please contact Steve White on stevegw@lvstc.org.uk or LVSTC on 0845 262 2006 to book a place.

LVSTC ESF Partnership Portal: now live

Just to remind you that the LVSTC Partnership Portal is live and searchable on our website at http://www.lvstc.org.uk/partnership_portal.php and with the prospect of application rounds starting in the coming months and the Minimum Contract Level being imposed by the SFA, it is never too early to start thinking about prospective partners for any application you are considering.

Registration remains free and you can enter your details at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/portal_main

Consultation on Supporting a Stronger Civil Society

The Office for Civil Society recently launched its new strategy 'Building a Stronger Civil Society' and is consulting on how to improve the effectiveness of support and advice to the sector. Skills - Third Sector is saying that the new strategy will raise the need for improved skills in civil society organisations in leadership, governance, in financial management, the management of volunteers and in measuring impact.

The pack is available to download from www.strongercivilsociety.org.uk so visit the website to find out more, download the consultation document and send your response to them.

Skills Funding Agency (SFA)

The SFA have introduced a Minimum Contract Level (MCL) for 2011-12 which will be set at £500,000 for a provider's total funding. This has been done to create efficiencies within the Agency and economies of scale across the sector will have implications for third sector providers and it is important any support is designed with a good understanding of their perspectives.

The Skills Funding Agency recently launched a tendering round for its 2011-13 ESF Youth Programme. The Invitation to Tender was sent to providers shortlisted on bravo solutions (the Skills Funding Agency's e-tendering portal). For more information visit: <http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/newproviders/>

NOMS

NOMS has committed its total share of the London 2007-13 ESF Programme allocation and is not expecting any further ESF tender rounds at this stage. The first round contract was awarded to London Probation Trust (LPT). The contract has a value of £7m and has been in delivery since January 2010. LPT has supported over 3,500 offenders and ex-offenders in prisons and probation since the projects inception.

For further information visit: www.london-probation.org.uk/PIANO and <http://www.esf-works.com/projects/projects/400964>

The NOMS ESF contract for the 2011-13 period was awarded in November 2010 to Working Links. The total value of the contract value is £20m and the project will support 19,700 participants between 2011 and December 2014. The project is currently in the very early start up stage and will begin delivering to participants in June 2011

London Councils

The London Councils ESF programme is currently delivering 84 projects totalling £22.8m across the whole of London. The most recent round of projects commenced delivery in April 2010. £7.3m was contracted to 30 projects.

Further details on the London Councils ESF Programme is available at: <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/services/grants/esf/>

Department for Work & Pensions

Ministers are currently reviewing how best to use ESF to achieve their objectives of reducing the number of workless households and to help people and families who face significant labour market disadvantages. It will take some time to work through these proposals resulting in a delay to the tendering of DWP's ESF Programme. Information on DWP tendering opportunities can be found at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/supplying-dwp/what-we-buy/welfare-to-work-services/>

LDA ESF Co-financing Programme 2011-2013

The LDA is still waiting for formal confirmation of the outcome of the Government's Spending Review. The LDA cannot calculate the precise impact the Spending Review will have on its investments until the actual grant total has been agreed. In the meantime, the LDA has taken the decision to suspend procurement activities until the situation is clarified. Formal confirmation is expected to be received over the next few weeks, following which an update on its position will be made available as soon as possible.

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