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In this issue of Update, our weekly round-up of business-critical and useful information to Skills Funding (SFA) colleges, other training organisations and direct grant employers:

1. **Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Expansion: Opportunity to Tender**

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1. Higher and Degree Apprenticeship Expansion: Opportunity to Tender

Information

In May, we will launch a £20 million procurement opportunity. This is for additional further and higher education institutions and other training organisations to deliver higher and degree apprenticeships (Levels 4 to 7) in the 2016 to 2017 funding year.

Organisations that already hold a funding agreement for this provision need not apply through this procurement and should request growth through the usual process.

While we welcome applications for delivery of all higher apprenticeships, we will give priority to apprenticeship standards and degree apprenticeship standards.

Apprenticeship standards included within this procurement must be 'ready for delivery' before **1 September 2016**.

Please register with our [BRAVO e-tendering](#) system for the procurement alert. For other related queries, please email [higher apprenticeships](#).

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