



ESF Programme Summary – Skills Fund for Hinkley

Overview

The Skills Fund for Hinkley provides a flexible, responsive fund to develop provision that responds to ongoing and emerging skills issues identified to support the Hinkley development. Providers will use the available funding to develop an agreed plan of solutions with the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which are then agreed by the Agency, and to deliver the planned activities.

The aim of this fund is to:

- respond to local skills priorities articulated by the LEP – all participants must engage in learning activity, which will be the delivery of education and training, that is funded as ‘learning’ as part of their programme, in keeping with their individual needs
- meet the needs of employed participants in the local area by adding value to existing provision
- develop capacity in the existing provider network
- prepare or encourage employers and /or participants to participate in an apprenticeship

Activity includes:

1. up to 25% of funding used as non-training activity for the planned approach to support emerging challenges
 - a. working with SMEs
 - b. the development of the Hinkley Point Training Agency
2. new skills for Hinkley through new training units and qualifications
3. upskilling Hinkley through training and qualifications

The Skills Fund for Hinkley non-training element makes the training supported by this contract happen. It will support the development of marketing and employer engagement resources to target SMEs and their workforce. It will also support the development of the Hinkley Point Training Agency (HPTA), which will facilitate a coherent and flexible response from the provider coalition to the emerging skills needs of the Tier 1 and supply chain employers working on the Hinkley project. The main focus of HPTA is to address the skills needs of the employed workforce within SMEs in the South West, but will also look at the brokerage service and support for the unemployed to ensure activities support each other.

The Agency will fund the support of SMEs registered on the Hinkley Point C supply chain portal and other potential SMEs suppliers to upskill and re-skill their workforce to meet the requirements for working on a Nuclear New Build site. The fund can also be used to identify and address



emerging curriculum development necessary to meet skills needs specific to the nuclear sector, which cannot be met from qualifications and provision currently available.

Current Contractors:

ESF Co-Financing Region Plan	UPIN	UKPRN	Provider	Contact details	Contract value as at 3 October 2014	End Date
South West	107531	10000878	Bridgwater College	Matt Tudor tudorm@bridgwater.ac.uk 01278 441296	£1,700,000	31 July 2015