
INFORMATION RELEASED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Information released title	Employer Ownership of Skills Pilot Scheme – bid submitted by MAN Diesel & Turbo
Original request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All documents provided to MAN detailing the criteria for the application process 2. The bid/proposal document submitted by MAN 3. The funding award/contract entered into with MAN following their successful bid
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Requester type	Solicitor on behalf of a client

Information released:

Thank you for your request which we received on 12th July concerning information held on the successful bid submitted by MAN Diesel & Turbo under Round 1 of the Employer Ownership of Skills Pilot Scheme. Your request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to inform you that the UK Commission for Employment and Skills holds some of the information that you requested. We have responded to the three elements of your request in turn below.

1. All documents provided to MAN detailing the criteria for the application process

I can confirm that MAN Diesel & Turbo received no other additional information beyond the documents and resources accessible to all prospective bidders through our website and social media channels. In line with our statutory duty to provide advice and assistance, links to relevant publications, social network sites and presentation slides are available below:

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (March 2012) [Employer Ownership Pilot Fund: Guidance for Applicants](#).

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department Education and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (2012) [Employer Ownership Pilot Fund: Application Form – Part 1](#).

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department Education and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (February 2012) [Employer Ownership of Skills: Prospectus](#).

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Department Education and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (2012) [Employer Ownership of Skills Pilot Scheme: Round One Frequently Asked Questions](#).

The [Employer Ownership of Skills LinkedIn Group](#) is primarily an informal forum for bidders and potential bidders to connect with each other, however, it has occasionally offered updates on the application process.

During March 2012, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills also held a series of briefing events to share more information about the Pilot Scheme with the aim of encouraging all sectors in England to consider submitting an application. The presentation used at these events is available here: [Employer Ownership Pilot: Developing a Proposal](#).

The Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills also held some webinar briefing presentations, again with the goal of helping employers understand the vision for employer ownership of skills, to develop proposals and to submit bids to the Pilot. A recording was made of one such webinar. Due to the size of the file, please email Catherine.hodgkinson@ukces.org.uk if you would like to receive a copy of this recording, to determine the best way for this to be supplied to you.

2. The bid/proposal document submitted by MAN

Please find attached a copy of the bid submitted by MAN Diesel & Turbo under the Employer Ownership Pilot Scheme Round 1.

[If you would like a copy of this document, please email Catherine.hodgkinson@ukces.org.uk]

Section 40 exemption- Personal Information

You will note that personal data of some individuals representing participating organisations and those involved in training activities has been redacted from the supplied document.

As this information relates to identifiable individuals it constitutes their 'personal data'. We consider that the disclosure of this personal data is subject to the exemption at s40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (by virtue of s40 (3) (a) (i)). The disclosure of this personal data would contravene the first data protection principle contained within the Data Protection Act 1998. In considering this exemption, we reflected on whether disclosing personal information of any individuals named within this document would be fair and lawful. We took into account factors such as: the role of the individuals, what they had been told in relation to their personal information and their reasonable expectations. In one instance we concluded that personal information could be disclosed, however in others we recognised a legitimate expectation by these third parties that this information would remain confidential.

You may also notice that the bid makes reference to a 'Part 2' spreadsheet which bidding applicants were requested to submit alongside the application form. We wish to advise you that following a thorough search of our records, we have established that the spreadsheet is not held by the UK Commission for Employment and Skills.

The bid of which your request is the subject was submitted under Round One of the Employer Ownership pilot, which closed on 26th April 2012. As you may know, this round was delivered in partnership between the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, the Department for Education and the UK Commission for Employment and Skills. As the Department for Business, Innovation and

Skills was the lead organisation for this round of funding, your request may be more appropriately addressed to this Department. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to:

Information Rights Unit
Department for Business, Innovation & Skills
1 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0ET

Email: FOI.Requests@bis.gsi.gov.uk.

3. The funding award/contract entered into with MAN following their successful bid

In determining whether the UK Commission holds this information, we conducted a detailed search of our records. We can confirm that we do not hold this information. As explained in our response to your second question above, the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills was the lead organisation for the Employer Ownership Pilot Scheme Round One. Therefore, you may wish to submit your request to the Department at the address above.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you can request a review by writing to the Assistant Director of Business Services (Governance), quoting reference FOI 13 069, at the following address:

UKCES
Renaissance House
Adwick Park
Wath-upon-Dearne
South Yorkshire
S63 5NB

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Alternatively you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office by telephone on 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45 or visit their website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Regards,
Freedom of Information team, UK Commission for Employment and Skills