



Department
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European Social Fund 2014 to 2020

This note is an update on progress around ESF delivery of 31 contracts.

Background

The European Social Fund (ESF) 2014 – 2020 Programme will operate differently to previous ESF funding periods. It now forms part of the European Structural and Investment Fund Growth programme (ESIF).

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas each have an ESIF sub-committee and they have provided information and advice on local needs for the ESIF Growth Programme. Many of these LEP area sub committees have decided to work with DWP who will operate as an ESF Co-Financing Organisation (CFO), for the employment element of ESF provision, and have agreed particular requirements for their area with the DWP CFO.

For these specific geographical areas, DWP CFO, will then procure and manage the ESF element of employment provision.

Latest Position

DWP CFO has completed its Commercial Tender competition for ESF 2014-2020 provision. Invitations to Tender (ItT) for 2 contracts were published on 30 November 2015. These invited potential Providers to tender for ESF contracts in the Hertfordshire and the Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP areas. These have now been evaluated and the contracts for both LEP areas awarded to Reed in Partnership.

ItTs for 9 contracts were published during week commencing 25 January 2016 inviting potential Providers to tender for ESF contracts in: Leeds City Region; York, North Yorkshire and East Riding; Gloucestershire; Leicester and Leicestershire; Stoke and Staffordshire; South East; Dorset; and Cornwall; Liverpool and the Isles of Scilly LEP areas.

These bids have been evaluated and the following ESF contracts went live on 21 November 2016.

LEP Area	Provider
Leeds City Region made up of: Calderdale, Kirklees & Wakefield	Pluss
Bradford & Leeds	Reed in Partnership
York, North Yorkshire & East Riding	Ixion Holdings (Contracts) Ltd
Gloucestershire	Learndirect Ltd
Dorset	Working Links (Employment) Ltd
Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly	Reed in Partnership
Leicestershire	Working Links (Employment) Ltd
South East	Reed in Partnership
Stoke & Staffordshire	Reed in Partnership
Liverpool	Economic Solutions

ITs for 11 contracts were published during week commencing 14 March 2016 inviting potential Providers to tender for ESF contracts in: Coventry and Warwickshire; London (4 contracts for Older Workers); North East; Coast to Capital; Cumbria; Cheshire and Warrington; Lancashire; and Swindon and Wiltshire LEP areas.

These bids have been evaluated and the following ESF contracts have gone live on the following dates -

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LEP Area	Provider
Cumbria	G4S Government & Outsourcing Services Ltd
Lancashire	G4S Government & Outsourcing Services Ltd
London Older Workers Central	G4S Government & Outsourcing Services Ltd
London Older Workers South	Pinnacle People

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LEP Area	Provider
Cheshire & Warrington	Remploy Ltd
London Older Workers North & East	Reed in Partnership
London Older Workers West	Reed in Partnership
Swindon & Wiltshire	Working Links (Employment) Ltd
North East	Working Links (Employment) Ltd
Coventry & Warwickshire	Reed in Partnership
Coast to Capital	Kennedy Scott

ITs were published inviting potential Providers to tender for ESF contracts in: London (4 contracts for Troubled Families); Northamptonshire, Humber/Greater Lincolnshire (a joint contract); Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Coast2Capital; and South East Midlands LEP areas.

These bids have been evaluated and the following ESF contracts have gone live on the following dates:

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LEP Area	Provider
Humber & Lincolnshire	Maximus
South East Midlands	Maximus

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LEP Area	Provider
London Troubled Families Central	G4S Government & Outsourcing Services Ltd
London Troubled Families South	Reed in Partnership
London Troubled Families West	G4S Government & Outsourcing Services Ltd
London Troubled Families North & East	SERCO

The final 2 contracts will go-live 30 January 2017

LEP Area	Provider
D2N2	Working Links (Employment) Ltd
Northamptonshire	Working Links (Employment) Ltd

Further Information

Providers may also wish to check their local LEP area's websites to keep themselves appraised of their LEP areas plans.

Regards

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