



# **SUPPLIER RESPONSE – PART B – MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY PROVISION FOR THOSE AGED 16-18**

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## **Strategic Procurement**

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## Mandatory Requirements Sections

Suppliers who self-certify that they meet the requirements for these additional modules will be required to provide evidence of this if they are successful at contract award stage. Please indicate your answer by selecting 'Yes or No' in the relevant boxes.

Please note that all mandatory requirements outlined in this document are pass/fail. If your company is not able to meet any of the mandatory requirement outlined in the boxes below, please do not proceed further with your tender as your response will be rejected.

You may contact the Council for advice through ProContract if you are unsure if your company meets mandatory requirements outlined in this document prior to the submission deadline and in accordance with the procurement timetable.

| A   | Project Specific Mandatory Requirements  | Is this project specific mandatory requirement met?<br>Please indicate your response below. |
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| A1. | You must confirm that you will not subcontract any part of the provision of this contract (this excludes working with government funded organisations providing Information, Advice & Guidance).   | YES/NO  |
| A2  | You must confirm that, if bidding will result in your having total ESFA funding (including tenders/bids/agreements with other organisations) of £100,000 or more, you have been successfully approved on the ESFA Register of Training Organisations. You <b>must</b> include any further subcontracting agreements that you may have in place with other providers within the 2020/21 funding year. | YES/NO  |
| A3  | You must confirm that you have the necessary systems in place to track & monitor the progress of learners and their destination or progression from their learning for at least 6 months after the end of their learning.  | YES/NO  |
| A4  | You must confirm that you have the ability to both recruit and deliver to priority learners within Dorset including Bournemouth and Poole.   | YES/NO  |

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| A5 | You must confirm that you have existing premises from which you already deliver ESFA funded learning provision within the delivery area.  | YES/NO |
| A6 | <p>You must confirm that, within the last 3 years, none of the following have applied to your organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• failure to repay funding due to the ESFA or any other public body in excess of £50,000.</li> <li>• failure to repay funding due under a sub-contract to deliver education and training services funded by the ESFA in excess of £50,000.</li> <li>• early termination of a contract with a public body for poor performance</li> <li>• early withdrawal from a contract with a public body for poor performance</li> </ul> | YES/NO |
| A7 | <p>You must confirm that, within the last 3 years, none of the following has applied to your majority shareholders, current directors, senior employees or anyone with powers of representation, decision or control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• failure to repay funding due to ESFA or any other public body in excess of £50,000</li> <li>• early termination of a contract with a public body for poor performance</li> <li>• early withdrawal from a contract with a public body for poor performance</li> </ul>   | YES/NO |
| A8 | <p>You must confirm that, within the last 3 years, none of the following has applied to your majority shareholders, current directors, senior employees or anyone with powers of representation, decision or control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ongoing investigations relating to suspicion of fraud or irregularities</li> <li>• possible failure to comply with conditions of funding under an existing ESFA funding agreement or sub-contract.</li> </ul>  | YES/NO |
| A9 | You must confirm that none of your current directors or senior employees have been removed from a charity commission, charity regulator or appear on the Register of Removed Trustees.  | YES/NO |

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| A10 | <p>You must confirm that your organisation has not been subject to any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• involuntary withdrawal of Initial Teacher Training accreditation</li> <li>• removal from the Register of Training Organisations (RoTO) or the Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP)</li> <li>• removal of funding by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)</li> <li>• removal of funding by the Office for Students (OfS)</li> <li>• removal from other professional or trade registers within the sector you will offer apprenticeship training</li> </ul> | YES/NO |
| A11 | <p>You must confirm that, within the last 3 months, none of the following has applied to your organisation or partner organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safeguarding issues that resulted in further investigation</li> <li>• whistleblowing that resulted in further investigation</li> </ul>   | YES/NO |
| A12 | <p>You must confirm that all staff delivering learning have achieved at least the Level 3 Award in Education and Training and that you will encourage and support progression to higher level teaching qualifications</p>  | YES/NO |
| A13 | <p>You must confirm that all staff delivering learning have a level 2 English and maths qualification.</p>   | YES/NO |
| A14 | <p>You must confirm that teaching staff delivering vocational courses need to be qualified to at least one level higher than that they are teaching or have significant occupational/ vocational expertise at that level.</p>  | YES/NO |
| A15 | <p>You must confirm that all learners will receive advice and guidance from a CEIAG qualified member of staff (or, if not qualified, with significant and successful experience in providing CEIAG) or from a government funded CEIAG contractor resulting in the production of an appropriate action plan. You must provide evidence to Skills and Learning of CEIAG delivered to each learner at the end of their engagement with your project.</p>  | YES/NO |

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|     | You must confirm that learners/employers supported through a subcontracting arrangement know about your and our responsibilities in providing the learning.  |        |
| A16 | You must confirm that you have procedures to ensure the monitoring and improving of learner health, safety & welfare and that you have a regularly reviewed Health & Safety Policy in place.   | YES/NO |
| A17 | Do your health and safety procedures make explicit allowance, where appropriate, for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities and learners with language difficulties, and how they are supported?  | YES/NO |
| A18 | <p>You must confirm that you will adhere to current Safeguarding legislation, and have the necessary controls, procedures &amp; policies in place. This will include demonstrating up to date safeguarding training of all front line staff.</p> <p>You must confirm that you will commit to work with Skills &amp; Learning in implementing elements of the government's counter-terrorism strategy (Prevent) relating to educational/community groups. This will include demonstrating Prevent training for all front line staff.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism/supporting-pages/prevent">https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism/supporting-pages/prevent</a></p> | YES/NO |
| A19 | You must confirm that your organisation complies with the most recent GDPR/Data Protection legislation.  | YES/NO |
| A20 | <p>You must confirm that:</p> <p>Key staff will familiarise themselves with, &amp; act in accordance with, the ESFA Funding rules &amp; regulations</p> <p>Learner documentation will be forwarded in a timely manner</p> <p>Monitoring returns will be submitted timely &amp; in accord with guidance set out in the subcontracting agreement</p>   | YES/NO |

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| A21 | You must be registered with the UK Register of Learning Providers<br><a href="https://www.ukrlp.co.uk/">https://www.ukrlp.co.uk/</a>                                       | YES/NO |
| A22 | You must confirm that all staff delivering provision and/or with access to learner data have a valid DBS check in place, and that you have a Safeguarding Policy in place. | YES/NO |

| <b>B Compliance with Equality Legislation</b>   |   |        |
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| Suppliers who self-certify that they meet the equality and diversity requirements below will be required to provide evidence of this if they are successful at contract award stage. Please indicate your answer by marking "Yes or "No" in the relevant boxes. |   |        |
| B1.   | <p>Please self-certify whether, as an Employer, you meet the requirements of the positive equality duties in relation to the Equalities Act 2010* and you have your own relevant policies / literature</p> <p>If you do not have your own policies / literature then please confirm that you commit to the Authority's standards outlined in its Policy document Fairness for All <a href="http://www.poole.gov.uk/your-council/equality-and-diversity/equality-and-diversity/">http://www.poole.gov.uk/your-council/equality-and-diversity/equality-and-diversity/</a></p> <p>* It is a legal requirement that applies to both public and private procurement.</p> | YES/NO |
| Please confirm whether the below circumstances apply to your company (For organisations working outside of the UK, please refer to equivalent legislation in the country that you are located):   |   |        |
| B2.   | In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)?   | YES/NO |
| B3.   | In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful discrimination?   | YES/NO |

If you have answered “yes” to one or both questions B2 and B3, please provide, as a separate Appendix, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date.

If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the Appendix to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring.

You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Council’s satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.

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| B4. | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations in order to ensure sub-contractors compliance? | YES/NO/<br>N/A |
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| <b>C Environmental Management</b> |   |                |
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| C1.                               | <p>Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)?</p> <p>If your answer to this question is “Yes”, please provide details in a separate Appendix of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served.</p> <p>The Council will not select bidder(s) that have been prosecuted or served notice under environmental legislation in the last 3 years, unless the Council is satisfied that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences/breaches.</p> | YES/NO         |
| C2.                               | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations in order to ensure sub-contractors compliance?  | YES/NO/<br>N/A |

| <b>D Health and Safety</b> |  |        |
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| D1.                        | Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements.   | YES/NO |
| D2.                        | <p>Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years?</p> <p>If your answer to this question was “Yes”, please provide details in a separate Appendix of any enforcement/remedial orders served and give details of any remedial action or changes to procedures you have made as a result.</p> <p>The Council will exclude bidder(s) that have been in receipt of enforcement/remedial action orders unless the bidder(s) can demonstrate to the Council’s satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent future occurrences or breaches.</p> | YES/NO |

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| D3. | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations in order to ensure sub-contractors compliance? | YES/NO/<br>N/A |
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| E Electronic Ordering and Invoicing |  |        |
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| E1.                                 | Your company will be required to work with the Council by receiving electronic purchase orders and submitting invoices electronically to the Council.  |        |
|                                     | The successful supplier will be expected to join the Council's electronic P2P system. The successful supplier will be required to register their company details on the site but there is no cost to joining. The successful supplier will be able to receive electronic purchase orders (PO) from the Council by e-mail and will be expected to submit electronic invoices and credits through the online system. |        |
|                                     | Suppliers will be required to follow the Council's 'Good Invoicing Practice Guide' when submitting invoices and credit notes to the Council. This guide can be found on the Council's website and explains what the Council expects to see on any invoice that is submitted from your company.   |        |
|                                     | Where relevant, the successful supplier will be expected to provide data on goods or services to the Council so that a catalogue can be built. Where it is also deemed appropriate, the Council may also want to integrate with your transactional website through our P2P system.   |        |
|                                     | Please can you confirm that you are willing to work with the Council including as a minimum receiving electronic Purchase Orders and invoicing the Council electronically:   | YES/NO |

| F Economic and Financial Standing |   |  |
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| F1.                               | <b>Annual Turnover</b> – to assist with the financial checking process please provide the latest published annual turnover figure of your organisation below: |  |
|                                   | Financial Accounting Year:  |  |
|                                   | Turnover Value:   |  |



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| F2. | <p>You should be aware that the Council uses a credit reference and financial status records agency. It is Council policy to check the financial status and stability of Suppliers prior to contract inception, where appropriate. You should be aware that the Council may take up financial checks just before award of contract.</p> <p>In addition to this financial check, further tests may be conducted which may include a review of current assets against liabilities, profitability over the previous four years, size of any long term liabilities (particularly where these are financed by external bank loans), the structure of the company and whether it is or could be supported by a Parent Company, the value of current reserves, whether the Supplier is long-established, plus consideration of the size of the contract against the organisation's turnover.</p> |        |
|     | Please confirm that you have read and understood the above text:  | YES/NO |

| <b>G Information Governance and Information Security</b> |  |        |
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| G1.  | <p>Please confirm that you commit to the Authority's Information Governance and Information Security standards outlined in the two policies 'Information Governance Policy' and 'Information Security Policy' that can be found by following this link: <a href="https://bcpshadowauthority.wordpress.com/bcp-privacy-statement/">https://bcpshadowauthority.wordpress.com/bcp-privacy-statement/</a></p> <p>You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Council's satisfaction compliance with the requirements outlined in these policies.</p> | YES/NO |