

# Greater London Authority

## Expression of Interest

### Mayor's Academies Programme – Academies Quality Mark

#### Background

The Mayor's Academies Programme (MAP) was launched in August 2021 as part of the [London Recovery Programme](#), in support of the [Good Work for All Londoners mission](#). It is as a three-year programme aimed at improving training provision and coordination in five priority sectors for London: digital; creative industries, green economy, hospitality, health and social care. In doing so, it aims to support Londoners to gain industry relevant skills and move into good work<sup>1</sup> in those sectors, particularly those disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Building on the learning from the current [Mayor's Construction Academy \(MCA\) Quality Mark](#), the Academies Quality Mark will be an annual accreditation awarded to training providers in London who offer high-quality industry-relevant training provision in five priority sectors: creative industries, green economy, hospitality, health and social care. Construction will be added a sixth additional sector to include the MCA Quality Mark.

The key objectives of the Academies Quality Mark are to support the Further Education (FE) sector to deliver industry-relevant provision and to:

- incentivise accessible, industry-relevant provision that gets Londoners into jobs
- raise the profile of good provision to employers and Londoners looking for good work, and
- provide a network of FE providers with specialisms to deliver industry-related provision

The accreditation process for the MCA Quality Mark was previously carried out in-house. The GLA now wishes to engage an external supplier who can support the delivery of the Academies Quality Mark process.

#### Service Requirements

The GLA wishes to engage a supplier who can undertake the following activities to support the Academies Quality Mark process:

##### 1. Assessment & Inspection

- Assessment of QM applications from a diverse range training providers across the Mayor's priority sectors
- Scoring applications based on GLA criteria and evidence submitted
- Making recommendations for training providers who should be awarded the Quality Mark

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<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of the Mayor's Academies programme, 'good work' is defined as employment in a priority sector for a minimum of 16 hours per week that: is expected to last at least four weeks; pays at least the London Living Wage; does not involve the exploitative use of zero-hours contracts; and is part of a structured career development plan.

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- Undertaking annual inspections of accredited training providers to ensure quality is maintained

### 2. Events/Network Meetings

- Working in partnership with the GLA's Academies Team to organise and facilitate network meetings for accredited training providers to work collaboratively to share ideas, discuss best practice and develop solutions to joint sectoral challenges. Network meetings will take place 3 times a year, per sector.

The contract will be for 2 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years.

Full details will be provided in the scope of specification to those suppliers invited to compete.

The competition will be undertaken on TfL e-tendering portal:

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

Invitations to tender will be issued on the e-tendering platform to those Suppliers who express an interest by the date stated below.

### Timeline

Expression of Interest – Supplier response:	<b>Tuesday 7th December 2021</b>
ITT issue (via ProContract)	w/c Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022
ITT return	w/c Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022
Contract Award	w/c Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022

The above dates are for indicative purposes only and may be subject to change.

If you are interested in being considered for this work please respond to this expression of interest by Tuesday **7th December 2021**.

**We would encourage you to ensure your organisation is registered on ProContract and/or your details are up to date by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to enable TfL to invite you to tender, so you can gain access to the tender documentation and submit a tender.**

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