



NOMS CFO Consortia Building Programme - Clarification Points

1. Funding Intention

The funding is intended to help organisations work together, capacity build and develop their consortium structure in readiness for further contract or business opportunities. It is not intended to cover the cost of delivery. You will though have to articulate a proposed delivery model that reflects the consortium structure and the contributions/value added of the various members. The specification allows a range of social and other outcomes and wider impact to be the key drivers and focus of your offer, though there will need to be some demonstrated alignment with the CFO objectives included.

2. Request for Proposal (RFP)

The first RFP does not require all the formalities of building the consortium to be completed at the June or October stages. The technical support in phase 2 along with the grant provided to the successful proposals will assist with that. The structured questions of the RFP will allow you to demonstrate how you anticipate the model being developed, progress and discussions undertaken and so on. We understand that consortium building takes time resource and energy.

3. Consortia Members

Existing consortia can apply, providing they can demonstrate how the funding would allow, for example, diversification or significant development. Consortia members can be drawn from any sector though the proposal will need to have a clear social enterprise focus, with enterprise at its heart. Public sector prisons can be partners but cannot receive any of the ESF funding. Probation Trusts, Privately managed prisons and other statutory agencies can be partners and receive ESF funding.

4. Funding Lots

For clarity, in respect of the lots, local means sub regional (down to town/ward level), but can be county or multiple counties and cross border; 'regional' means delivery across one of the (former) government office regions or more than one region; national means multiple regions. The South West lots must be delivered in the South west (inc Cornwall). Other lots can include South west/Cornwall delivery.

5. Technical Support

The specification and other information regarding the provision of the Technical Support services have now been published on Contracts Finder. This can be accessed via <http://www.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/Common/View%20Notice.aspx?site=1000&lang=en¬iceid=505577&fs=true> Organisations considering submitting a proposal to provide such support and who are also considering participating in the main consortia building competition are reminded that they will need to complete an Ethical Wall declaration. The Ethical Walls are needed to ensure that there is a clear separation within organisations that might be bidding for the Consortia Building opportunity as well as competing for the Technical Support tender. There should be separate individuals named for each opportunity to maintain effective separation throughout the processes and to ensure that no direct or indirect advantage/disadvantage accrues to any particular organisation. Please contact simon.ambrose@noms.gsi.gov.uk for more information. The closing date for the Technical Support RFP is 8 June 2012.