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Background	HM Government have asked the 39 Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in England to each develop a strategy for the investment of European Social Fund (ESF), European Regional Development Fund and elements of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. Together these three funds will be delivered within the framework of the Growth Programme.
Objective	We are one of several public organisations that have been invited to become service delivery partners for the LEPs. Building on our established systems and processes for the delivery of ESF funding we have made ourselves available as a procurement and contract management service provider. LEPs can chose to opt-in to our service for the delivery of parts of their European Investment and Structural Funds (ESIF) strategy. We will procure and manage the delivery of activity and provide the ESF match funding.
Interests	We expect to begin procuring, on behalf of the LEPs, soon after the adoption of the ESF Operational Programme for England. Our main route to procurement will be through the Register of Training Organisations. The Register acts as a due diligence gateway and enables us to complete the pre-qualification questionnaire before issuing an invitation to tender.
Area of Delivery	We are currently in discussion with the majority of LEPs on the activity that they want us to deliver to meet the priorities they have set out in their ESIF strategy. These activities include: support for unemployed young people (15-24 years); support for unemployed adults; support for employed adults with low skills; employer engagement, careers advice, and delivery of intermediate and technician skills.