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Name of consortium:	<u>Building Bridges</u>		

Background	<p>Please tell us why your proposed consortium came together and when you plan to be operational:</p> <p>Building Bridges partners came together in order to provide a range of quality support to offenders. Partners will combine their specialist knowledge and experience in delivering services in order to create an innovative and effective support package tailored to need.</p> <p>The consortium has recognised the greater potential of working together to secure resources and improve efficiency.</p> <p>We expect to be ready to trade as an incorporated organisation by July 2013, with ongoing development improving and strengthening our offer following on from this.</p>
Objective	<p>What does your consortium aim to achieve and deliver when it is operational?</p> <p>What stakeholder groups will benefit from your consortium's offer?</p> <p>Building Bridges will develop a model that will be more than the sum of its parts. We will undertake joint delivery, allowing organisations with complementary skills to offer a more holistic and streamlined service and to deliver at a variety of levels from spot placements to large scale contracts.</p> <p>We will offer services for targeted groups of offenders that other providers find difficult to get into employment, for example people with mental health problems, BME heritage, over 50's and under 25's.</p> <p>We will take a portfolio approach that combines services from our members to fit the needs of the individual.</p>
Partners	<p>What areas do your consortium partners cover?</p> <p>The service will operate across Greater Manchester and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Building confidence and life skills ➤ Employment related skills and qualifications ➤ Job search, interview skills



National Offender Management Service



European Union
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Investing in jobs and skills

- Volunteering and work experience opportunities
- Access to paid work in consortium member organisations or other GM organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors
- Support and mentoring to start a new social enterprise or take on the franchise of a proven model.
- Provision of accommodation and housing advice/support