**UPDATE – 11th July 2016**

Thank you for your interest in our exercise to collect and collate the accounts returns of the academy trusts.

We are currently in the process of mobilising our procurement strategy to commission a partner to aggregate, validate and adjust over 3,000 accounts returns for the academic year ending August 2016 in order to produce the Sector Annual Report and Accounts. The proposal is for a curtailed contract for one year with the option to extend for an additional year.

**Proposed Key Dates: (the EFA reserves the right to change these dates)**

25 July 2016                      Publish OJEU notice

(This will be published 48 hours before documents are made available to suppliers)

27 July 2016                        Invitation to tender opens

30 August 2016                  Invitation to tender closes

10 October 2016               Delivery commence

**Process:**

The Procurement team for the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) now provide a joint service through FAS²T (Funding Agency Shared Service Team).

FAS²T uses an e-procurement solution provided as a managed service by Bravosolution and all procurements managed by FAS²T will use this solution.

All bidders are required to register on this e-procurement tool in order to be able to access documents, register an expression of interest and submit bids (should they decide to proceed).

In order to register, please access the following:

[***https://skillsfundingagency.bravosolution.co.uk***](https://skillsfundingagency.bravosolution.co.uk/)

Please ensure you read the **Terms and Conditions** before accepting them as they are relevant and will be followed by us.

Please only register your organisation once. It is possible for an organisation to have more than one Users and on the form you complete it is clearly articulated how more than one Users can be shown.