**Inspirational Futures Tender Questions & Answers Log**

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| No. | Question | Answer |  |
| 1 | I have noted that the expected commencement of project is 1st Jan, with an anticipated award of 28th November. This does not provide a very long lead-in period. Are you expecting the full programme to commence from 1st Jan or would this be the time from which we could begin developing the programme e.g. working in schools, creating the events timetable etc? | We are not expecting the full programme to be in place from 1st January, but we would like to see activity commence as soon possible in line with the provider's implementation and draft activity plan. There may be opportunities to engage with school leadership teams in December. |  |
| 2 | Are there any requirements in terms of staff career guidance qualifications for this programme? | It’s not a requirement, but it may be advantageous. |  |
| 3 | Would providers be expected to mobilise the service between the 28/11/22 and 01/01/23, or can contract implementation project plans include activities that continue past this date and into the first year of the contract, for example, recruitment of staff? | We are not expecting the full programme to be in place from 1st January, but we would like to see activity commence as soon possible in line with the provider's implementation and draft activity plan. There may be opportunities to engage with school leadership teams in December. |  |
| 4 | Please can you advise if there is an official application to complete or should we create a submission based on the questions in the ITT document?  If it is the latter, please can you confirm if there are word counts for the questions? | There isn’t an application form to complete and bidders are asked to create a submission based on the ITT questions. There are no word count limits. |  |
| 5 | Can we assume the schools listed in the ITT are in support of the careers inspiration programme and ready to work with the successful bidder?  | Yes. The Academies will be involved in selecting the preferred provider.  |  |
| 6 | Will the schools be able to support with transporting students to events and facilitating their attendance where this is needed?  | Yes. The Academies and the provider will need to work together closely on these aspects.  |  |
| 7 | Is there an intention to recruit additional schools in years 2 and 3 of the contract?  | Not at present, but this may change should the Trust on-board more schools in the area.  |  |
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