Dear colleagues,

As part of the government’s social work reform programme, we would like to invite you to a tender information day on Friday 16 October, at the Department for Education (DfE), Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT, from 10am to 3pm.

During this information day there will be two workshops for potential bidders to find out more about two of the contracts DfE will be procuring for from the end of October. These are:

* Contract for the development of guidance for use by employers in order to endorse the performance of Child and Family Social Workers as part of the assessment and accreditation system. Time of the workshop: 10:30-13:00.
* Contract for the design and delivery of a a continuous assessment programme and assessment/accreditation system for Practice Leaders based on the knowledge and skills statement drafted by the Chief Social Worker. Practice Leaders are qualified social workers with day-to-day operational responsibility across the whole local system for child and family social work practice, usually referred to as assistant director of children’s social care or director of family services within local authorities. Time of the workshop: 13:00-15:00.

Tea and coffee will be served before both sessions.

You can choose to attend either both or one of the workshops. Please specify in your reply which session you would like to attend. Places are limited to three people from each organisation.

You may also like to find more background information at [www.contractsfinder.gov.uk](http://www.contractsfinder.gov.uk).

Please confirm your attendance by 12 October to the following email address: socialworkreform.SG@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Many thanks,

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