Questions and Answers – Adult Education Tender 2017

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| 6 April | The tender runs from 2017-20 but the learning has to be completed by 31 July 2018 – is this an error? | It is an error – the documents should have said that the learning has to be completed by 31 July in each year that a contract is awarded to a supplier. |
| 13 April | Are you able to confirm the number of unique learners that we need to engage for this funding? | There is no set minimum or maximum figure for unique learners but only adults aged 19 or older will count towards the unique learner numbers. |
| 13 April | Can learners be a mixture of adults and their children or do they all need to be adults? | Children will not count towards unique learner numbers. |
| 13 April | Is the £35,000 to be awarded to a single organisation for 3 years? | The budget mentioned is the annual limit set for accredited learning AEB. For the purposes of this tender, that relates to Accredited English, maths and ESOL |
| 18 April | Does the £40k upper limit mean that the maximum contract value could be £120k to each provider (£40k/yr)? Or £40k to each provider for the 3 years period (£13k/yr)? Or if the £40k upper value to be shared between all successful providers? | The 40K upper limit applies to any one contractor in any one year for any one  programme.  It is possible for example for a contract to be awarded £20k to deliver courses under programme 3 Non- Accredited Courses primarily leading to Employment and £32k to deliver courses under programme 1  Accredited English and Maths.  Each programme application will be evaluated independently using the price to quality ratio set out in the guidance notes |
| 20 April | Is it possible to propose an embedded course that will incorporate Lot 1 and Lot 3.    Will we need to complete a separate application form for both lots? | We would require a separate application for both programmes which we would review as independent offers. |