



Advanced Mathematics
Support Programme
(AMSP)
Partner Organisation

Expression of Interest (EoI)

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Introduction

Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI), as contract holder for the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP), funded by the Department for Education (DfE), is seeking to select an organisation to provide and manage AMSP support services for schools and colleges in the North-East region of England for the period from April 2024 until the end of July 2025.

The Process

MEI invites expressions of interest from education establishments and organisations, based in the North-East region of England. Interested organisations should complete the *Expression of Interest Form*. MEI will use the responses to shortlist organisations for interview. Expressions of Interest will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Track record of working with schools and colleges in the North-East
- Experience of maths education
- Understanding of the AMSP's work and its support for schools and colleges
- Successful partnership working

We will select an organisation based on the information provided in the form and interview.

Expressions of interest should be submitted electronically to the following email address: will.warne@mei.org.uk and must arrive before 1200 (Noon) on the 8 February 2024.

Any questions or requests for clarification should be sent to will.warne@mei.org.uk. MEI will endeavour to respond to all questions raised by interested organisations in advance of the deadline.

The timetable for the process is:

Date	Event
12 January 2024	EOI issued
8 February 2024	Deadline for submission of expressions of interest
8 to 20 February 2024	Shortlisting and interviews
21 February 2024	Successful organisation confirmed
28 February 2024	Deadline for contract to be signed TUPE consultation commences
1 April 2024	Commencement of contract

MEI reserves the right to amend the above timetable at its own discretion and will notify all relevant parties accordingly as soon as is practical.

Confidentiality

All information provided by organisations will be treated as "Commercial in Confidence" by MEI, its employees, trustees, and sub-contractors.

All documents, specifications and other such information provided to the interested organisations by MEI in relation to the EOI shall be treated as confidential. All documents, specifications and other such information provided by the interested organisation to MEI in response to the EOI shall be treated as confidential.

MEI'S rights and acceptance of proposals

This EOI is merely a request to formulate an offer to MEI to provide the specified services if you wish to do so. By issuing this invitation MEI is not bound in any way and does not have to accept any of the proposals. MEI may re-issue this EOI; postpone or cancel at any time this EOI process. MEI may, at its sole discretion, reject an expression of interest for any reason (or for no reason).

About MEI

Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) is a registered charity (No 1058911). Since the 1960s, we have worked to support mathematics teaching and learning.

MEI develops maths curricula; provides accessible, high-quality professional development and resources; and, where there is a need, delivers student tuition and enrichment experiences. We deploy innovative approaches, work in collaboration with others, and inform and influence policy makers. Most of our work is in England, but we also contribute to improving maths education across the UK and internationally.

Suppliers are requested to familiarise themselves with MEI via the MEI website: [MEI](https://www.mei.org.uk).

About the AMSP

The Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP) is a government funded contract managed by MEI. The AMSP started in 2018, following the government funded Further Mathematics Support Programme (2009-2018) and Core Maths Support Programme (2015 to 2017).

The aims of the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme are to:

- increase access to teaching for AS/A level Further Mathematics, AS/A level Mathematics and Core Maths qualifications
- increase participation in AS/A level Further Mathematics, AS/A level Mathematics and Core Maths, particularly from under-represented groups of students
- improve the quality of maths teaching
- increase the number of students studying STEM degrees

The support services provided by the AMSP is wide ranging and include:

Professional Development courses for teachers of AS/A level Mathematics, AS/A level Further Mathematics, Core Maths, Higher Tier GCSE Mathematics and support for university maths entrance tests.

- Resources for teaching AS/A level Further Mathematics and Core Maths
- Enrichment events and materials for 11-16 students to promote the study of mathematics post-16
- Enrichment events and materials for 16-19 students to promote the study of mathematics and other STEM degrees and STEM careers.
- Tuition support for 16-19 students to support the development of higher-level problem-solving skills and preparation for university maths entrance tests.
- Tuition support for students studying Further Mathematics and Core Maths.

The AMSP has a large team of national coordinators, Through a regional structure of Area Coordinators and Regional Leads the AMSP provides local, targeted support for schools/colleges to improve their provision and increase participation in Level 3 maths.

Partnership Working

MEI's key sub-contractor in the delivery of the AMSP contract is Empowering Education Ltd (formerly Tribal Education) and sub-contracts the employment of Area Coordinators to partner organisations (such as universities, schools, colleges and local authorities).

Suppliers are requested to familiarise themselves with the AMSP via the AMSP website: [AMSP](#).

Background

In the North-East region of England, AMSP support services are provided by 3 AMSP Area Coordinators employed by Gateshead Council. Gateshead Council have held the AMSP subcontract since 2018, and prior to this, MEI subcontracted them to provide support services for the Further Maths Support Programme. As a result of internal reorganisation at Gateshead Council, they no longer have the capacity to manage the AMSP subcontract and provide the AMSP support services. The 3 AMSP Area Coordinators will continue in their roles and will therefore need to be TUPEd across to the new subcontractor.

Opportunity

This is an excellent opportunity for an educational establishment or organisation based in the North-East of England to be part of the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme. The AMSP is a successful and high-regarded programme, supporting schools/colleges to develop their post-16 curriculum so that more students have the opportunity to study AS/A Level Mathematics, AS/A Level Further Mathematics and Level 3 Core Maths, and realise their full potential. For an organisation interested in being an AMSP Partner Organisation, there is an opportunity to widen and strengthen its links with schools/colleges in the region, their teachers and students, through the support provided by the AMSP Area Coordinators, who would be employed by the AMSP Partner Organisation, and link this to other outreach and widening participation initiatives.

There are currently three Area Coordinators employed by the current AMSP Partner Organisation in the North-East, who provide the services under the sub-contract with MEI. All of the Area Coordinators are experienced in the role, working with schools/colleges, providing professional development for teachers and enrichment opportunities for students.

Services Required and Budget

The AMSP Partner Agreement is a sub-contract to the main AMSP contract that MEI holds with the DfE. The term of this sub-contract will be for 16 months, from 1st April 2024 to 31st July 2025. The total value of the subcontract is £297,725.

The AMSP Partner Organisation will employ three AMSP Area Coordinators, equivalent to 2.6 FTE, in order to provide the services set out below within the North-East region of England.

- management and coordination a programme of student and teacher support for Level 3 mathematics
- establish relationships with schools and colleges in their area and provide support for teachers and students as part of a planned programme
- manage the work of AMSP Associates based in their area, commissioning and deploying staff to support the delivery of student tuition, student enrichment activities, teacher professional development and other general support for schools and colleges in their area
- liaise with local Maths Hubs and the post-16 mathematics lead on a termly basis to coordinate support

- liaise with HEIs, employers, careers organisations and other appropriate local agencies and stakeholders in their area
- work as part of a regional and national team, and feedback on activities, support and progress to the AMSP Regional Lead

Full details of the services are set out in Schedule 4 of the full Partner Agreement which will be shared with organisations that are shortlisted for interview.

The AMSP Partner Organisation meets annually with the AMSP Regional Lead to review the performance of the AMSP Area Coordinators. AMSP Area Coordinator provide updates on progress at their regular meeting with the AMSP Regional Lead, who is responsible for directing the day-to-day work of the Area Coordinators.

AMSP Area Coordinators are expected to contribute towards the achievement of the AMSP Key Performance Indicators and as such work with the AMSP Regional Lead to produce and submit an Annual Plan each year.

The AMSP Partner Organisation is responsible for providing the AMSP Area Coordinators with an office base and administrative support to undertake their role effectively. The AMSP Partner Organisation will provide each Area Coordinator with a personal laptop and a dedicated mobile phone for the performance of AMSP services, together with access to a printer and scanner. In addition, the AMSP Partner Organisation is responsible for payment of travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the AMSP Area Coordinators in the performance of their role.

MEI shall provide to the AMSP Area Coordinators access to an online data system for recording activities and communications with schools/colleges in the AMSP Area. MEI shall provide the AMSP Area Coordinators with training and support to perform their role effectively.

Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment (TUPE) rights

There are currently three AMSP Area Coordinators employed for a total of 2.6 FTE (individually 1.0, 0.8 and 0.8 FTE) by Gateshead Council. All are experienced and have been in the role for over 5 years.

TUPE rights apply on the transfer of undertakings to a new AMSP Partner Organisation. Gateshead Council will work with the new employer on the transfer of staff and provide necessary information to organisations which are shortlisted.