**National Roll-out of the Early Career Framework**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to notify interested parties of the forthcoming Early Career Framework (ECF) National Roll-out Provider Networking Events.

The Department for Education (DfE) intends to award lead providers to a Framework Agreement for the delivery of the National Roll-out of the ECF in February 2021. To support the development of supply chains in order to deliver the ECF, the department are facilitating two online events on 4th and 5th of March 2021 respectively.

The objective of these events is to allow the newly appointed ECF lead providers the opportunity to set out, to potential delivery partners, their training programmes for early career teachers and mentors including how delivery partners could work with them to deliver the National Roll-out of the ECF.

**Description**

In May 2018, in response to a public consultation on ‘Strengthening Qualified Teacher Status and Improving Career Progression for Teachers’, the department committed to improving the support for early career teachers through introducing a new ECF, extended induction and strengthened mentoring.

In collaboration with an Expert Advisory Group, the department consulted extensively with the sector to design the ECF. The ECF has been designed to support early career teacher development in 5 core areas – behaviour management, pedagogy, curriculum, assessment and professional behaviours.

The Education Endowment Foundation has independently reviewed the framework to ensure it draws on the best available evidence and that this evidence has been interpreted with fidelity. The ECF is at the heart of the recruitment and retention strategy.

The strategy confirms that the department will fund the National Roll-out of the ECF in September 2021 as our top priority to support early career retention and teacher quality.

To support the National Roll-out, the department is providing an opportunity for lead providers of the ECF and prospective delivery partners to network and potentially form partnerships in readiness to deliver the National Roll-out of the ECF from September 2021.

Successful lead providers will develop a Full Induction Programme, which builds on one chosen [Core Induction Programme](https://www.early-career-framework.education.gov.uk/). The Full Induction Programme will offer:

* Full high-quality training for early career teachers delivered to schools, that builds on the training session outlines and complements the self-study and mentor sessions in the relevant Core Induction Programme. It is envisaged that this should include a minimum of 18 hours face-to-face training.
* Full high-quality training sessions for mentors. It is envisaged that this should include a minimum of 9 hours face-to-face training.

It is expected that lead providers:

* Train a minimum of 1,000 early career teachers and 1,000 mentors for cohorts starting in September 2021.
* Significantly increase capacity to train a minimum of 2,000 early career teachers and 2,000 mentors for cohorts starting in September 2022 onwards.

To successfully deliver to the desired scale, it is expected that lead providers will deliver their service in partnership with other high-quality organisations (delivery partners) including Teaching School Hubs and Multi-Academy Trusts. Delivery partners will play a key role in the delivery of the ECF.

The specific parameters of the relationship between particular lead providers and each delivery partner will be agreed between those two parties.

To allow the formation of partnerships between successful lead providers and delivery partners the department will be hosting these two events at which each lead provider will make a 30-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes for prospective delivery partners to ask questions.

**Indicative Timeline**

There are two online events scheduled to take place on 4th and 5th March 2021 respectively and both are anticipated to last between 5 and 6 hours. Please note that a maximum of two people from each organisation should attend each event and that organisations should not attend more than one of the events. For details on how to register for each event, please click on one of the links below.

* [4th March 2021](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-career-framework-national-roll-out-provider-networking-event-tickets-141280123653?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch)
* [5th March 2021](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-career-framework-national-roll-out-provider-networking-event-tickets-141281555937?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch)

**Other Information**

Please note: this notice is for expressions of interest from organisations interested in working as a delivery partner (subcontractor) for one of the awarded ECF lead providers. The procurement for the lead providers has now closed.

DfE is facilitating the networking events only and will not be brokering relationships between parties or providing support to agree the terms of any individual relationships. It is the responsibility of the parties to progress any relationships and attendance at the event alone is not a guarantee of work.

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