**Market Engagement Questions:-**

**1.** **Have the time frames changed from those in place at present? What is the thinking behind that?**

The timeframes for the assessments across all 3 programmes have not changed from those originally agreed. Please refer to the market engagement slides.

**2.** **Is it possible to provide an indicative value of the bid?**

Unfortunately it is not possible to provide you with an indicative value of the bid at this stage. This information will be provided as part of the ITB documentation once the tender is launched on Redimo.

**3.** **Has the procurement team looked for solutions within the G-cloud framework?**

This has been considered, but unfortunately this type of procurement activity does not lend itself to the G-cloud framework.

**4. What does fully registered on Redimo mean?**

Full registered status is required if a supplier wishes to have bids considered by the Department for Education. Registered status is achieved once the supplier has completed their request to engage with the Department for Education and has completed their account profile with the information requested in the subsequent engagement recognition email, once the updated account information has been validated their account status will progress from ‘recognised to ‘registered’ status.

Full guidance on obtaining registered status can be found under Stage 3 of the guidance for registering on Redimo2 found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#redimo2>

**5. Can you clarify the duration of the contract?**

The contract is for one year initially with an option to extend for one further year if required.

**6. If the contract starts in January, when would actual delivery of assessments start?**

We would anticipate that the delivery of assessments would start in April or May. However, actual dates would need to be agreed with the successful provider following contract award.

**7. Who manages the process currently?**

The incumbent provider of the final assessment process is EMLC (East Midlands Leadership Centre)

**8. Is there an existing pool of assessors that would be available to the supplier?**

The current assessors of the final assessment process are sub-contracted, who work as consultants and are not employees of the provider. Any new provider would need to source their own assessors. NCTL will provide training for new assessors, however it is highly likely that the existing trained assessors would be available.

Bidders are asked to note that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE Regulations, as amended from time to time) may apply to staff employed by the incumbent supplier to deliver the current programme delivery model.  Bidders must satisfy themselves through their own investigations as to whether TUPE may apply

**9. Can you clarify the key deliverables of this contract?**

This information will be provided as part of the ITB documentation once the tender is launched on Redimo.

**10. Will a list of WebEx attendees be available to encourage collaboration?**

We have contacted the WebEx attendees to ask if they are happy for their contact details to be shared. For those who are happy, we will circulate these for those interested in collaboration.