

Opporunity Advert

Buyer: Ministry of Justice

Title: Integrated Rehabilitation Partnership (IRP Prison Kitchen) programme

Summary:

Background

On behalf of the Ministry of Justice, Her Majesty Prison & Probation Service (HMPPS) has the responsibility to manage all public-sector prisons within England and Wales. Today there are currently around 72,000 prisoners within our prison system. A major organisational aim is the reduction of re-offending through skill training, qualification attainment, promotion of job opportunities for prisoners on release and, ultimately the successful rehabilitation of offenders back into the community.

The Opportunity

Following successful pilot trials in three prisons, the Integrated Rehabilitation Partnership (IRP Prison Kitchen) programme is an end to end training, mentoring and employment programme for prisoners

The IRP is a staged approach to catering skill training, qualification accreditation and employment opportunities combined with continuous intervention support, pre and post release which will have a positive impact on people preparing to leave prison and better equip them to find sustained employment within the food industry and reduce the chances of reoffending.

HMPPS wish to engage with potential providers regarding transitioning the pilot approach into a major programme which will deliver the programme across a significantly larger number of prisons. Ultimately, dependant on the success of the programme, this may over the next two years involve up to 70 prisons within the prison estate.

By engagement with the training and community support sector Ministry of Justice (MOJ) aim to deliver a mutually beneficial contract to deliver tailored NVQ City & Guilds accredited training to prisoners in Food Preparation and Cooking within existing prison kitchens linked to a mentoring support programme to prisoners whilst in custody through to release and sustained employment.

The purpose of this advert is to announce this initiative to interested providers within the training and support sector. MOJ wish to explore and test industry appetite for this work through a short-focussed market engagement exercise to further inform our aims, objectives and ambitions.

Please note this is part of our market engagement strategy and not a formal tender phase.

MOJ is inviting expressions of Interest from organisations interested in delivering an integrated programme which:

- Provides catering and hospitality training within Prison kitchen environments
- Supports and facilitates the successful completion by prisoners of tailored NVQ City & Guilds accredited training to prisoners in Food Preparation and Cooking;

- Identifies, supports and mentors prisoner placements at external organisations
- a mentoring support programme to prisoners whilst in custody and on release back into the community.

The purpose of the event will be to outline programme requirements and the opportunity in more detail. The feedback from the event will form the basis of the service specification and will be shared at the end of the process with anyone who expressed an interest at this stage and wishes to remain informed.

Expression of Interest

MOJ will be holding a market engagement event which will be held on Thursday 29th November 2018 from 9.30-3.30pm and the event will provide prospective tenderers the opportunity to raise questions on the proposed requirements and to input into the development of the service.

The event will outline programme requirements and the opportunity in more detail with feedback from the event forming the basis of the service specification and will be shared at the end of the process with anyone who expressed an interest at the market engagement stage and wishes to remain informed. This engagement event will help to develop a formal procurement process, where the authority will set out its requirements for the service.

Please download the attached advert which will give further instructions for the event.

Places at the event are limited and will be restricted to two people per organisation to ensure a wide range of views are heard and booking a place at the event must be received by 12 noon on Friday 23rd November 2018 at the latest. All confirmation of places and venue details will be sent out on Monday 26th November 2018 to prospective tenderers who have confirmed a place.

The venue for the event will be confirmed once places have been booked through the MOJ Bravosolution sourcing portal and so if you are interested in attending this event please express your interest via the MOJ Bravosolution sourcing portal,

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html> . Please submit your expression of interest by completing the titled IRP Prison Kitchen attendance sheet by 12 noon on Friday 23rd November 2018.

Important note:

Please ensure that you press the expression of Interest button, download and complete the document titled IRP Prison Kitchen attendance sheet. MOJ won't be accepting any correspondence via email, only by the MOJ Bravosolution sourcing portal.

Questions and Communication

Please direct all questions and communication through the MOJ Bravosolution sourcing portal via the discussions facility. Further guidance can be found by clicking the help button located at the top right hand of each page of the portal.