**Weston College Call for Partners – Prison Education Service**

**About the Opportunity**

Weston College is intending to bid for the Prison Education Service to be established by the Ministry of Justice. The Service will facilitate the provision of comprehensive core education, vocational and specialist skills training to learners in a custodial environment across England.

As an experienced, prime provider of education within prisons, Weston College is seeking partners to support outstanding learning, vocational, and specialist skills provision in the South West of England and welcomes applications from national, local, and specialist organisations.

The procurement process is expected to start in September 2023.

If you would like to be considered as a Weston College partner for this opportunity, please complete the questionnaire below in the first instance. From this, we will hold further discussions with potential partners to shape an education solution to support Weston College’s education provision in each prison. Completed questionnaires should be returned by email to: [infoPES@weston.ac.uk](mailto:infoPES@weston.ac.uk) by Friday 18 August 2023. Please also direct any questions to this email address.

**About Weston College**

Weston College is an Ofsted outstanding college of further and higher education in North Somerset and is one of the largest colleges nationally. It provides education and vocational training to nearly 30,000 learners across the country including:

The College holds the prime contract for the delivery of offender and detainee learning in the South West of England prisons under the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) Prison Education Framework contract, which commenced in 2019, having previously held the OLASS 4 contract since 2012. It is recognised for excellent teaching, learning and assessment, positive outcomes for learners and a partnership approach to business planning to ensure the curriculum meets learners’ and employers’ needs.

Regarded as one of the top FE colleges in the UK, Weston College is one of only four National Centres of Excellence for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). It has been recognised with many accolades over the years, including: in 2022 the Accredited Learning Association Quality Mark for People, Culture and Wellbeing, in 2021 the Association of Colleges Inclusive Learning Leadership Beacon Award, the Principal received the FREDIE award from the National Centre of Diversity and in 2017 the Association of Colleges Beacon Award for Widening Participation in Offender and Detainee Learning Provision – the first ever Beacon Award to recognise excellence in offender learning as well as the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. Additionally, the College is Matrix Accredited for its Information, Advice and Guidance; is a Disability Confident Employer; is certified Cyber Essentials and ISO 27001 compliant; and is recognised with Investors in People Champion/Platinum status for its commitment to workforce wellbeing and CPD opportunities.

Weston College has high aspirations for all its learners, and we are seeking like-minded partners who will enhance a learner’s journey whilst in custody, through the gate, and on release.

**What we need from you:**

* Tell us about your experience of supporting people within the criminal justice sector both in and out of custody.
* Outline the specialist vocational subject/s and sector areas in which you have delivery experience.
* What specialist provision can you offer? For example, accommodation, digital, debt advice, substance misuse support, social capital, employability and/or employment support etc?
* List relevant examples of stakeholder partnerships including employers you have in place to be able to successfully delivery your programmes (max 5).
* What experience do you have of engaging employers with offenders/ex-offenders?

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| **Ref.** | **Question** | **Response** |
| **A1** | **Supplier Information** | |
| Organisation or Company Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| General email address |  |
| Website |  |
| Registration number |  |
| The person responsible for response |  |
| Position |  |
| Direct/Mobile telephone number |  |
| Email address |  |
| Is your organisation a small or medium enterprise? |  |

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| **A2** |
| **Please provide a response of up to 750 words, detailing how you are able to meet the requirements set out in the ‘What we need from you’ section above.** |
| **Provider response:** |

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| **A3** |
| **Please provide examples of similar contracts you either currently deliver or have delivered in the last 3 years, your response should include the following:**   * ***most recent KPIs you were measured against*** * ***volumes*** * ***achievement data***   **(Maximum word count 300)** |
| **Provider response:** |

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| **A4** |
| **Please select the regions you deliver your service in: (you may select more than one)** |
| North West  North East  Yorkshire & Humber  West Midlands  East Midlands  London  East of England  South East  South West |

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| **A5** |
| **How many staff do you have delivering your services?** |
| **Provider Response:** |

**Declaration**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the answers submitted in this Expression of Interest are correct. I understand that the information will be used in the evaluation process to assess my organisation’s suitability to provide sub-contracted services within the Prison Education Service.

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| **Position** |  |
| **Organisation** |  |
| **Date** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Telephone Number** |  |
| **Signature** |  |

For the purposes of this electronically transmitted EOI document it is sufficient that typed names are permitted rather than signatures. A typed name will be deemed to have been signed by the person stated with the necessary responsibility required within the organisation. All information you provide to Weston College within this EOI is deemed confidential.