

NOMS Social Enterprise Challenge

As part of our continuing commitment to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with the social enterprise sector, we are pleased to announce two new funding opportunities. Our intention is to encourage the sector to work with us to develop creative new approaches to service delivery.

Skills, Employment and Community Payback (CP)

Total fund up to £200k

Proposals are invited for new enterprise based supervision models that can also deliver skills and employability training in a realistic work environment to these groups and offenders on community sentences more generally. Your proposal should seek to be self funding (through trading activity) but also build added social/community value.

Sustainable Development

Total fund up to £200k

Renewable energy, recycling and other related sectors potentially offer significant opportunities for offender employment. We want to explore whether it is possible to link training and work experience (in a relevant commercial setting) with the parallel objectives of reducing cost, minimising waste and striving for carbon neutrality. Proposals may be linked to prison industries/workshops or be based in the community or both.

The funding for both streams has been provided by the European Social Fund – and is only available in England.

The application process is straightforward:

- The Ministry of Justice's e-sourcing portal will be used. All relevant material including the detailed specifications, Conditions and the ITT are available on line. **If you are already a registered user**, please contact Ame Dada at ame.dada@noms.gsi.gov.uk expressing your interest in this sourcing event. You will then be notified by email when the sourcing event has been opened.
- If you are not a registered user, please send an email to the eSourcing Portal helpdesk at esourcing@noms.gsi.gov.uk stating your Company Name; Your Name and contact email and quote Sourcing Reference Number: 0428-1-Reducing Reoffending-SE-RFP for Skills, Employment and Community Payback or 0449-1- Reducing Reoffending-SE-RFP for Sustainable Development or both. The eProcurement Central Support helpdesk will then contact you with the registration process.
- Completed forms should be submitted online by 17 September 2010. We will make a decision and inform applicants of the outcome by 27 September 2010. We anticipate that pilot activity/implementation will commence by late October/early November 2010.