

Contract Name: DEL Work Preparation for Lone Parents

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For  
The Department for Employment and Learning

Provision of the Work Preparation Programme for Lone Parents in Pathways to Work Pilot Areas.

The Central Procurement Directorate (CPD) on behalf of its client, the Department for Employment and Learning (DEL), is inviting tenders from suitably experienced individuals / organisations to provide a pilot Work Preparation Programme (WPP) for Lone Parents in the areas served by the following Pathways to Work Jobs & Benefit offices:

The Department for Employment and Learning (hereafter referred to as the Department) is testing the concept of "Pathways to Work for Lone Parents" to help Lone Parents move directly into work or closer to the labour market.

Pathways to Work for Lone Parents is a package of support for lone parents claiming Income Support (due to family reasons) or Jobseeker's Allowance. All participants will have access to new and existing support measures, including a range of financial incentives, aimed at encouraging a return to work or an improvement in employability. Pilots will begin in areas served by the Jobs & Benefits Offices at

Limavady,  
Lisburn,

Knockbreda and  
Shaftsbury Square.

One important new measure the Department wishes to offer within Pathways to Work for Lone Parent areas is the Work Preparation Programme for Lone Parents (WPPLP).

Service providers may tender for one, all or any combination of regions. Each region will be evaluated separately.

Documents can be downloaded from Central Procurement Directorate's electronic tendering system. If you wish to download documents but are not registered, you can register your company on the CPD electronic tendering website <http://procon.cpdni.gov.uk/procon/>

If you have any queries please contact Debbie Rankin on the number above or email [debbie.rankin@dfpni.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.rankin@dfpni.gov.uk)

Under no circumstances will late tenders be considered, nor is CPD obliged to accept the lowest or any bid.

The closing date for receipt of tenders is no later than 3pm on Tuesday 30th January 2007.