

Invitation to tender

Assessment of good practice products

Tender specifications

1. Introduction

Thematic Network Work Based Learning and Apprenticeships (NetWBL) is a network of 29 European national agencies, coordinated by the German National Agency at BIBB. It is funded by the European Commission, Directorate General Education and Culture (DG EAC).

The contribution of work based learning to supporting youth employment and economic competitiveness is widely recognised. Countries with strong and attractive vocational education and training (VET) systems, and notably those with well-established apprenticeship systems, tend to perform better in terms of youth employment.

NetWBL aims to strengthen work based learning (WBL) elements in existing VET systems and higher education (HE) and to support apprenticeship in particular.

The network addresses the key actors involved in WBL in each European country taking into account the different VET and HE systems and legislative regulations. Furthermore, the network supports the European Alliance for Apprenticeships (EAfA).

One of the main elements of the activities of NetWBL will be a WBL toolkit. It will visualise the results of Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) projects on WBL and will be used by policy makers, social partners and VET providers to support VET reforms in their countries.

2. Scope of the tender

For assessment activities contracts with three experts will be set up which cover a term from 01.07.2014 until 31.12.2015.

3. Results to be achieved by the contractor

The contractors will support the development of the WBL toolkit through the evaluation and collection of suitable tools/products, the description of their added value for WBL and their presentation in the toolkit. These tasks will be undertaken in close coordination with the content team.

In detail, the contractors will be expected to:

a) evaluate the results (products) produced under a set of 90 pre-selected LLP projects;

- b) select 45 products/tools with the greatest potential, which later will be presented in the toolkit;
- c) describe the strength and the potential of the selected tools for WBL, so that they are applicable to the various national European contexts;
- d) participate in the production of the toolkit and its materials through the preparation of content, referring to the analysed tools.

The product evaluation will be realised in two rounds:

July - September 2014, May - July 2015.

The contractors will also be expected to cover the following activities:

- participation in a working session on the development of the toolkit in the end of June or first week of July 2014 in Vienna;
- participation in a toolkit testing workshop, Vilnius, September 2015

The travel expenditures will be paid.

The tasks described above will be carried out in the following domains of expertise:

- guidance and support of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);
- attractiveness of VET;
- cooperation training centre/VET school – companies and involvement of social partners;
- curriculum development;
- WBL and HE;
- WBL for teachers and trainers.

4. Remuneration

A fee contract will be reached on the basis of a set rate per unit cost (500 € per analysed product).

5. Expected profile

The expert shall be selected on the basis of his/her professional and technical ability to perform the tasks described in this call according to the following criteria:

The expert has specialised expertise in national and European VET policy and can prove in-depth knowledge in the field of WBL. He/She has worked for several years in vocational training, ideally in international projects.

A proficiency in English speaking and writing on level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is expected.

6. Application procedure

Natural persons are invited to submit an application with the usual documents (only in electronic form) by 03.06.2014 via e-mail (netwbl@bibb.de) to the German National Agency.

The application should be submitted in English and contain a resume in format of the Europass (www.europass-info.de/europass-lebenslauf.asp)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Engels (phone: +49 228 1071610, email: netwbl@bibb.de).

7. Additional information

Provided that more tasks related to the development of the toolkit or the tools are identified during the process, some extra work can be added at a later stage. This will only be done after mutual agreement between the two parties.