

ESF update : launch of the £650m  
procurement rounds  
13 November 2015 ~ lucky for some?



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**Agenda**

- 14:30 Registration
- 14:35 Nick Linford and David Hughes, chief executive of NIACE
- 15:10 Q&A
- 15:30 End

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## Next round of ESF

SFA have 170 contracts to procure across the LEP areas - including in the following:

- ✓ NEET
- ✓ Community Grants
- ✓ Information Advice and Guidance
- ✓ Skills Support for the Workforce (SSW)
- ✓ Skills Support for the unemployed (SSU)

LEPs have the opportunity to review and confirm release for procurement

There have been delays for many months, but LEPs informed this week that it's GO GO GO.

## On Tuesday the SFA wrote to LEPs with an ESF update



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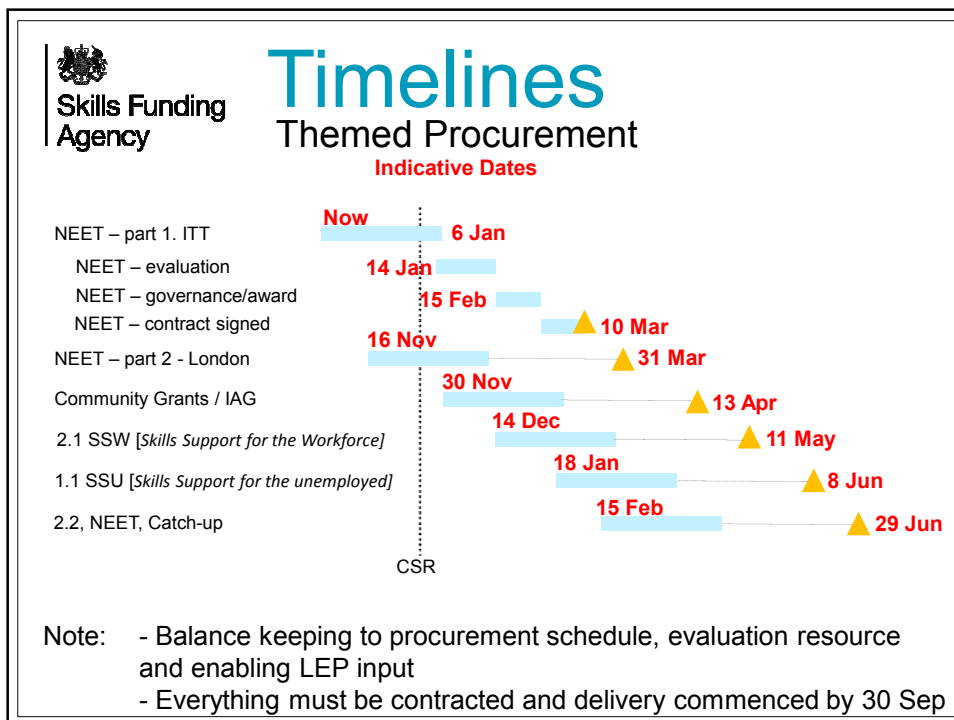
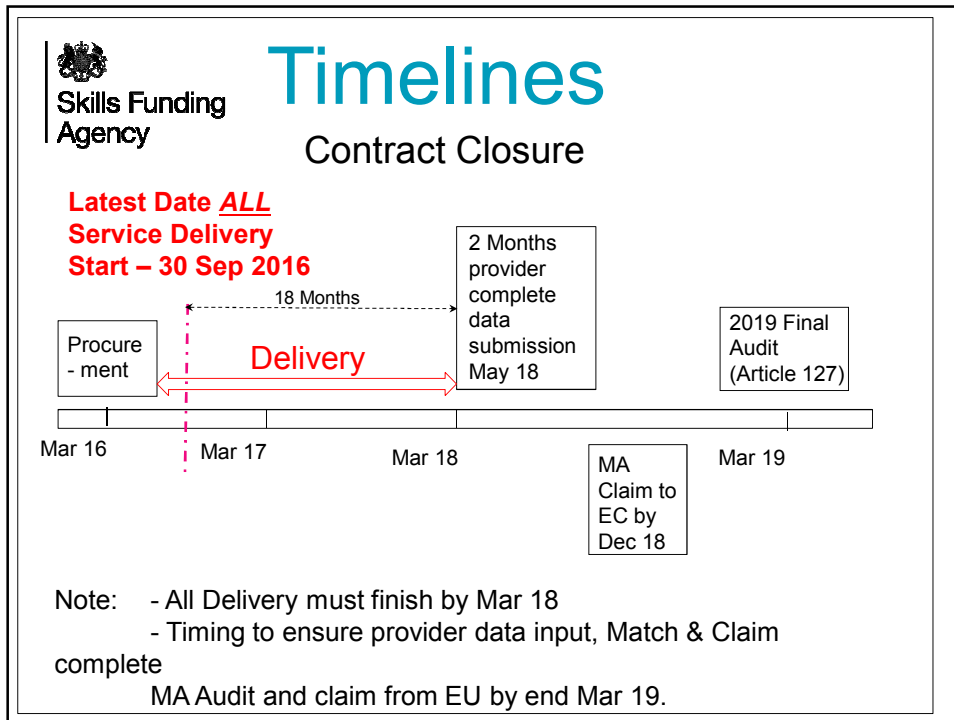
Dear Local Enterprise Partnership and ESIF Committees,

Changes to the Skills Funding Agency's opt-in offer for ESF following government's recent policy announcements on devolution

I am writing to update you on our plans to launch ESF procurement rounds in the near future and to brief you on some key changes we will have to make in the light of the government's policy announcements on further devolution of the Adult Skills Budget.

Three year plans may need to be delivered in 18-24 months

Contract (delivery) must end by March 2018, as SFA may not be around after then to match fund





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## NEET Procurement Launch

- W/C 14/9 we will start to share the NEET specifications with LEPs where we have a Conflict of Interest return
- We plan to have two procurement windows for NEET during October
- LEPs will be able to select a window on the basis of when their specification is ready for release for procurement
- Each procurement will be open for 30 days
- Each procurement will have 30 working days allocated for evaluation and moderation. This may be reduced based on the volume of applications received
- LEPs that have elected to be involved in the evaluation and moderation will be contacted prior to the specification launch to make arrangements for evaluation training

[SFA slide dated 17 September]

## Q&A with Nick Linford and David Hughes



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