



Briefing Note
BEIS Funded Competition
Training Scheme for Low Carbon Heating and Energy Efficiency Retrofit

The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) have offered the Midlands Energy Hub (MEH), with support from its accountable body Nottingham City Council (NCC), the opportunity to design and manage a competition. The aim of the competition is to recruit up to ten training providers that are able to support the upskilling / re-skilling of personnel from organisations that are working to deliver the Green Homes Grants. The Green Homes Grant is a scheme that is encouraging the uptake of energy efficiency measures and low-carbon heating across all domestic tenure types. Technologies include heat pumps, solar thermal and external wall insulation. The Midlands Energy Hub will also be supporting the development of the Green Homes Grant – Local Authority Phase 2 programme.

This is an exciting opportunity for the Midlands Energy Hub and Nottingham City Council, to play an integral part in enabling the development of the regional and national workforce, to transition to a rapidly developing green economy, providing opportunity in the midst of economic challenges that are being faced by many individuals and organisations. It is also expected to support organisations to gain relevant PAS and Trustmark accreditations.

This programme would be fully funded by BEIS with a budget of £7.5million, with no financial risk to the Council. Part of the funding will be allocated to enable recruitment, possibly of up to four staff, and will potential develop an additional revenue stream for Energy Services. The Midlands Energy Hub and Nottingham City Council will be committed for the duration of the competition and the management of the successful bidders, which is expected to be up to a 12 month process.

Initial funding of up to £50,000 is immediately available from the Midlands Energy Hub Budget to temporarily second two people, for six weeks, from within the Local Authority (or recruit externally). This is will need to be with immediate effect and their role will be to work with the Midlands Energy Hub and BEIS to:

- Develop an organisational and governance structure with BEIS
- Design the competition
- Develop a stakeholder engagement plan
- Run a supplier day

The timescales are very tight as BEIS will be working to the following milestones

- 14th September Competition launch
- w/c 14th September Webinar / Supplier Day
- 9th October Competition closes
- 12th October – Assessment of Bids
- 26th October – Funding awarded

The pre-competition and post-competition work is **fully funded** by BEIS through the Midlands Energy Hub. Therefore, there is no cost to NCC for this work.

