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Expected DWP Announcement-contract extensions WORKSTEP

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Work & Pensions Committee Press Notice 12/03/2009

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Uncorrected Oral Transcript - Equality Bill & DWP Viewpoint

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DWP - Notes to the Provider Sub-Group Meeting now published 12/03/2009

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Final Report Published for Distanced Travelled Project

www.susescotland.co.uk/News/final_report_published_for_distanced_travelled_project

DWP event

www.susescotland.co.uk/Events/dwp_tendering_process_review_-_ideas_-_31st_march, edinburgh

Update on Development of Supported Employment Framework for Scotland

This paper provides an update on the work outlined in the joint COSLA and Scottish Government paper on the development of a Supported Employment Framework for Scotland. This offers an exciting and unprecedented opportunity to address many of the key issues and concerns for Supported Employment providers across Scotland. Comments on the paper and work being undertaken would be welcomed and passed on to the Scottish Government and COSLA for their information.

www.susescotland.co.uk/News/supported_employment_framework_-_update

DWP's Commissioning Strategy and the Flexible New Deal

The above 2nd Report of Session 2008-09 reports from the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee.

A .pdf of the full report is attached to this E-bulletin.

Evidence to the Work & Pensions Select Committee

The final report is now out regarding evidence from Kitty Ussher and Rebecca Sudworth to the Select Committee. It can be accessed by linking to:
http://susescotland.co.uk/News/uncorrected_oral_transcript_-_equality_bill_dwp_viewpoint

Distance Travelled Report

The final report has been published for the Distance Travelled project FROM the Centre for Public Policy. There was a great deal of interest in the project at the SUSE Conference in Glenrothes. You can follow the link below to access the full report.

<http://www.workstep.gov.uk/uploads/rrep566.pdf>

If SUSE members have any queries, you can contact:

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Workstep Contract Extensions

Initial information about the likely extension to contracts for existing Workstep providers has been published by DWP.

[Http://www.susescotland.co.uk/New/expected_dwp_announcement-contract_extensions_workstep](http://www.susescotland.co.uk/New/expected_dwp_announcement-contract_extensions_workstep)

DWP Event

As you all are aware DWP is introducing its new Disability Employment Services Programme (working title IDEAS) that is replacing Workstep, Job Introduction Scheme and Work Prep. DWP is hosting an event in Edinburgh on Tuesday 31 March to go over the tendering process. It will also include an afternoon session on Special Purpose Vehicles which are a mechanism for partners to work together to bid for the contracts.

The dates and venue for the IDEAS PQQ events have now been confirmed by DWP. Details of the events can be found by accessing the Notice to Providers via the following link:

Please check the DWP website for full details over the next few days and feel free to share this information with other colleagues.

http://www.susescotland.co.uk/Events/dwp_tendering_process_review_-_ideas_-_31st_march,_edinburgh

DWP Equality Impact Assessment

At long last the Equality Impact Assessment from the DWP has been published on the proposed new programme. There seems to be little assessment of the impact on existing service users. Comments on the quality of the impact assessment are sought from members and their organisations.

www.dwp.gov.uk/resourcecentre/equality-impact-assessment-isdes.pdf

The relevant paragraphs are extracted from Impact Assessment on White Paper 'Raising Expectations and increasing support: reforming welfare for the future' Published online in December 2008
([www/dwp.gov.uk/raising expectations](http://www/dwp.gov.uk/raising_expectations))

Provider Sub-Group Meeting

DWP and their IDEA's team have provided minutes of the first Provider Sub-Group Meeting—published on 12/-3/-9. Comments on these can be sent to SUSE via email to: shona.davidson@fife.gov.uk. SUSE has asked for clarification about a representative from SUSE attending any future meetings and a response is awaited.

The notes to the Provider Sub-Group Meeting have been published on the Supplying DWP website and can be accessed by linking to: www.dwp.gov.uk/supplyingdwp/what_we_buy/notice_to_providers_mtg_notes1702.asp

Work & Pensions Committee Press Notice

12/3/09 can be accessed by linking to:
http://www.susescotland.co.uk/News/work_pensions_committee_press_notice

Developing Consortia

Attached to this ebulletin is a .pdf document from The Scottish Government - 'Developing Consortia - Forming a consortium for the delivery of public services'.

The document is a guide to the legal issues in establishing consortia and has been developed for social enterprises and other third sector organisations in Scotland. It has a specific focus on supporting organisations that want to enter the public service deliver market although the legal issues covered are of a generic nature.

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