

MPLA Supplier Engagement Webinar and follow up Questions (questions as at 03062020)

Evaluation of impact.

Q1. Are there aspects of MPLA impact that you'd like to be able to assess in a more granular way in future? For example, whether the investment in learning/development is improving delivery confidence in specific projects?

- A. The ITT will set out the full requirements for performance. The supplier will be expected to capture feedback and meet key performance indicators on such things as module delivery, participant satisfaction, impact and success rate of the programme and wider benefits to departments and the profession.

IPA will work with the partner to develop a methodology to capture the qualitative and quantitative benefits.

Q. Can you say more about the expected requirements for equivalent level of study for accreditation at the Master Practitioner level?

A. The new Government Project Academy Accreditation framework is currently in development and is intended to assess individuals on a range of requirements including experience, competencies, training, qualifications and continuous professional development. Training and qualifications are only some of the elements that would be required to be accredited as a Master Practitioner of government projects. Initial thinking is that training would include graduating from the MPLA, whilst qualifications are likely to include a relevant Master's qualification in project delivery (NVQ Level 7).

Q. We heard about what participants like/don't like about the current programme, but could you offer a view on what the IPA does and doesn't like about it? Part of the reason for the question is that I can think of only a handful of 'internationally recognised academic providers that have government project delivery know-how'

- A. We know participants like the programme and it is life changing for many and we want this to continue. We want to maintain the impact of the experience, for it to be leading edge and up there at the top on knowledge and expertise, as it was when first launched. It must remain world class. Its purpose remains to develop senior leaders to deliver major government programmes successfully and effectively implement government policy and to create a network of expert support.

As we want it to be leading edge we need the programme to be innovative and current, which will require continual review and refresh through the life of the contract. On specifics we already know there are modules or content which need focus such as the commercial elements.

Q. Would IPA anticipate having separate suppliers for PLP and MPLA?

- A. There is no preference. They are 2 separate procurement exercises and we want the best tender submission and supplier assessed against the individual criteria set out in each respective tender. The Authority would of course want to ensure that the bidders have sufficient capacity and capability to deliver both.

Q. What is the vision for the future MPLA programme? Will it be built upon the previous delivery by Oxford Said Business School with new innovative insights by the partner who wins the tendering?

A. Yes we are looking to build on what we have and what we have achieved. We want the next iteration to be leading edge and continue to equip leaders to tackle the challenges now and in the future.