

Invitation to tender: design and deliver capacity building training for Thai vocational colleges

British Council Thailand

The British Council is inviting Expressions of Interest from UK experts and Further Education colleges to design and deliver training courses for directors, deputy directors, teachers and students of vocational education colleges in Thailand.

This project is in partnership with Office of Vocational Education Commission, Ministry of Education, one of the British Council's key educational partners in Thailand.

Project Background

The project is co-funded by British Council Thailand through the UK ASEAN Knowledge Partnership funding, together with the Office of Vocational Education Commission.

A key element for the sustainability of this project is the development and implementation of identified strategies to support the ongoing development of the Thai vocational education sector. This development will support the Thai vocational education sectors at all levels to internationalise and build capacity to produce graduates with the right skills demanded by Thai industries at regional, national and international levels. This development will particularly meet the needs of Thailand within the ASEAN economic community.

Project Objectives

To provide effective capacity building programmes for Thai vocational education sector personnel, improving the capacity of the Thai vocational education sector personnel to achieve the economic growth and sustainability of Thailand's internationalised programmes. The project is also to provide more capacity and future opportunities for Thai colleges to establish partnerships with UK colleges, as a long term and sustainable outcome.

Priority subject areas

According to Office of Vocational Education Commission, the 2 priority areas we would like to focus on with this project are:

1. Mechanics
2. Hospitality and Tourism

Project outline:

The Project will involve a programme of training, made up of three phases:

- Phase 1: Initial training in Thailand in November 2014: building the capacity of leadership skills for vocational college's directors and deputy directors on vocational education context, employability, and industry engagement; building the capacity of Thai vocational teachers to develop curricular and courses that meet the needs of industry; and establishing a pilot project for Thai students to demonstrate an international approach
- Phase 2: Follow up - remotely delivered support and guidance between November 2014 and March 2015: to apply the learning to the vocational international collaboration action plans, the design and development of curricular / courses by teachers, and the project delivery by students
- Phase 3: Training in the UK to develop the curricular / course material and teaching / training approaches, learning from UK approaches

This invitation to tender is for the provision of the first and second phase. The best method for delivering the third phase will be determined based on the outcomes of the first and second phase.

Expected Project Outcomes

After the three phases of training both in Thailand and in the UK, the expected outcomes to be obtained from teachers and students involved in the project are:

- An action plan for vocational college directors to create the collaborative links between UK and Thailand through exchange programmes, expanding the international experience for the college members and students.
- A curriculum of a subject/ a module in two different subject areas, newly developed with an industry in Thailand. The newly developed curriculum will provide skills and knowledge needed by the industry. The curriculum would aim to be widely used in colleges across Thailand.
- Two sets of education materials for two priority areas newly developed using the techniques learnt from training both in Thailand and in the UK.
- Cascade training by subject teachers to other teachers.

In addition, it is hoped that the capacity building will support the establishment of partnerships between Thai and UK vocational education institutions, leading to the provision of joint courses in each of the two subject areas. These courses would create opportunity for Thai young people to study in the UK for one semester or more as part of the course.

It is also intended that the project will contribute to the design of a promotional campaign to rebrand Thai vocational education and to attract more students to choose the vocational route.

Specification of work to be delivered

The training will be conducted in Thailand between 20th and 31st October 2014. The British Council will provide an English training course to prepare teachers and students for the training.

Target audience / duration	Training topics
<p>A. 26 College directors and deputy directors</p> <p>To co-train with a British Council School Leadership trainer</p> <p>Duration : 5 Days (3-7 November 2014)</p>	<p>Leadership training for college administrators, approaches to nurture the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leading and Managing and Leadership styles - The benefits of the international dimension - Developing staff and distributed leadership - Community engagement <p>The training above will be co-delivered with a British Council School Leadership trainer where the modules above will be applied from British Council School Leadership Training Programme. The trainer is required to provide the additional module in industry engagement in designing a college strategy and to provide good practice, case studies, and feedback on vocational education context.</p>
<p>B. 20 subject teachers in any subjects in the area of mechanics.</p> <p>Duration: 10 days (3rd – 14th November)</p>	<p>English for specific purposes Learning from the UK context, approaches to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with industry to identify skills gaps and develop or understand occupational standards - Using occupational standards and understanding of employer needs to develop relevant qualifications - Principles of curriculum and qualification design
<p>C. 20 Subject teachers in any subjects in the area of hospitality and tourism.</p> <p>Duration: 10 days (3rd – 14th November)</p>	<p>English for specific purposes Learning from the UK context, approaches to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with industry to identify skills gaps and develop or understand occupational standards - Using occupational standards and understanding of employer needs to develop relevant qualifications - Principles of curriculum and qualification design

<p>D. 20 students (aged 15-19) in any subjects in the area of mechanics.</p> <p>Duration: 10 days (3rd – 14th November)</p>	<p>English for specific purposes mechanics in an international context , providing an international experience for Thai young people in order to developing their global outlook / intercultural confidence in order to improve employability in the ASEAN economic community</p>
<p>E. 20 students (aged 15-19) in any subjects in the area of hospitality and tourism.</p> <p>Duration: 10 days (3rd – 14th November)</p>	<p>English for specific purposes Hospitality and tourism in an international context</p>

Format of tender

Please submit a tender with the following information.

- Please indicate which of the above target audience(s) (A, B, C, D or E. Please refer to the table above) you would be able to provide training for. Colleges or experts are able to submit a tender for more than one priority area and more than one target audience.
- Please give an indication of the approach and content of the training course you would be able to provide
- Total cost and list of items included in the cost
- Profile of trainers
- Strengths of the course and institutions
- Opportunities or a commitment in developing a link or a collaboration with a Thai college
- Other information as necessary

Instructions for submitting your tender

A copy of your tender, with 'OVEC Training Thailand' in the email subject line, should be submitted to uraiwan.samolee@britishcouncil.or.th no later than 8 October 2014 at 1700 GMT.

- Please ensure that you send your response in good time to prevent issues with technology – late submissions may not be considered.
- Completion and submission of your response does not guarantee award of any British Council Contract.

Proposed timetable

Activity	Date
Tender released	18 th September 2014
Clarification/questions	19 th – 24 th September 2014
Clarification responses	25 th – 30 th September 2014
Tender return date	8 th October 2014
Evaluation of responses	10 st October 2014
Final decision and intention to award	13 rd October 2014
Delivery of training in Thailand (School Leadership Training)	3 rd – 7 th November
Delivery of training in Thailand (Teachers and students)	3 rd – 14 th November 2014

This timetable may be subject to change.

*Any clarification questions should be submitted via email to uraiwan.samolee@britishcouncil.or.th no later than 24th September 2014.

Evaluation criteria

Supplier responses will be assessed using the following criteria and weightings:

Criteria	Weighting
Knowledge and experience	25%
Ability to support the longer term development and delivery of outcomes	20%
Approach and course contents	25%
Costing/Price	30%

Evaluation of all submitted responses will be undertaken by the evaluation panel which will consist of British Council representatives and members of staff of the Office of Vocational Education Commission with relevant and significant experience and knowledge of the requirements.

Evaluation of all submissions will only consider information presented within the response. Previous/current relationships with suppliers cannot be taken into account when evaluating submissions unless the previous/current experience is clearly evidenced within the response. Evaluation will be fair and transparent.

Further information/ contact person

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Deadline for tender submission: Monday 8th October 2014 at 1700 GMT

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