



MoJ Language Services Contract

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) published Contract Notice 2015/S 203-369044 in the Online Journal of the EU (OJEU) on 15 October for the Language Services Contract. The current contract with Capita TI comes to an end on 31 October 2016. The procurement is in four lots: Lot 1 is for the provision of spoken language interpreting, Lot 2 is for translation, Lot 3 is for non-spoken interpreting, and Lot 4 is for quality assurance. NRPSI has made a submission to the first part of the procurement process (the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) stage) for Lot 4 in partnership with the FTSE 250 company Interserve. The Interserve/ NRPSI partnership will find out if it has been accepted into the next phase of the MoJ procurement in December. We have provided more information on the process in a specific frequently asked questions (FAQ) document that appears in the News section of our website.



Wiltshire Police Interpreter Claim Form

Wiltshire Police has informed NRPSI that it has amended and updated its Interpreter Claim Form. Changes include the addition of two boxes: one for the interpreter to specify the 'police station or location' they were at when they were interpreting during an interview, and another for interpreters to include the 'payee name' in the bank details section. These changes will help to speed up the payment of claims. New claim forms are available from the custody suites in Swindon or Melksham. Alternatively, please email Julian.Riches@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk for a copy.



University of Derby survey on investigative interviews

As reported in the October 2015 issue of the Registrants' Newsletter, the University of Derby is carrying out a major study on the use of interpreters as part of investigative interviews. Registrants are invited to take part in the online survey. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and participation is anonymous.



Crown Commercial Service framework now published

The Crown Commercial Service (CCS) published its RM1092 Language Services Framework Agreement, Contract Notice 2015/S 207-375997, in the OJEU on 24 October 2015. The CCS expects to complete the procurement process in March 2016.



NRPSI news

NRPSI Award for excellence in the DPI

The winner of the second NRPSI Award for excellence in the Diploma in Police Interpreting, Veronika Balkovska, was presented with the trophy by HRH Prince Michael of Kent at the Chartered Institute of Linguists 2015 awards for language learning on 10 November.

We congratulate Veronika, and all the other award winners.



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Disclosure and Barring Service Update Service

The Disclosure and Barring Service has reported that it exceeded half a million current subscribers to its Update Service in August 2015. NRPSI encourages Registrants to subscribe to the DBS Update Service when they next need to apply for a DBS certificate, and has added a specific set of explanatory FAQs to the NRPSI website.



I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, email admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

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