

DADA to support GLA Skills & Employment grant assessment, bid scoring and moderation services

DADA Enterprises Limited, trading as “DADA”, has been selected as an awarded supplier for the GLA82812 Bid Scoring and Moderation Services contract, supporting the administration of grant applications for Greater London Authority Skills & Employment grant programmes.

The contract is being let under ESPO Framework Agreement 664_25 Consultancy Services (Lot 1a) and will support the Greater London Authority with specialist grant assessment, bid scoring, moderation, quality assurance, audit trail management and applicant feedback services.

About the Contract

The contract will support grant assessment and award activity for the Greater London Authority's Skills & Employment Unit, including programmes linked to Supporting Londoners to Benefit from Growth. These programmes support underrepresented Londoners to upskill, enter or progress in the labour market, and help create a more agile, employer-led careers, and job skills ecosystem for London.

The services cover the administration of grant application processes, assessment and scoring of applications, moderation of scores, quality assurance, written feedback and support for applicant queries or challenges where required. The scope includes activity across adult skills, employability, further education, learner support, employer engagement, capital projects, procurement routes, Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM), net zero and value-for-money evidence.

What DADA Will Deliver

DADA will provide a scalable, competency-led assessment team to support fair, transparent, independent and auditable grant funding decisions.

DADA's delivery role includes:

- mobilising suitably experienced scorers, moderators, quality assurance reviewers
- matching assessor expertise to skills, sustainability and technical delivery requirements
- completing conflict-of-interest controls before access to applications
- assessing applications producing clear evidence-based scoring rationales
- supporting supplier-led moderation, variance review and consensus scoring
- quality assuring scoring, feedback and moderation records
- maintaining dashboards, trackers, RAID logs, decision records and handover evidence
- producing clear feedback and applicant-response support where required

This work is not simply “marking applications”. DADA's role is to help protect the integrity of public funding decisions by testing whether applications credibly evidence outreach, inclusion, learner support, employer engagement, delivery capacity, value for money and progression into good work.

Implementation Approach

DADA will manage each grant round through a controlled service-order mobilisation model. Each service order will confirm the programme, application volume, timetable, scoring model, GLA assessment tools, required subject-matter expertise, feedback scope, data controls and reporting cadence.

DADA's implementation approach uses a Grant Round Control Hub covering the Service Order Plan, Scorer Allocation Matrix, conflict-of-interest log, scoring tracker, RAID / QA log, moderation pack, feedback tracker, decision log and Knowledge Hub.

The delivery model is designed to scale by application volume:

- lower-volume rounds use a lean team with proportionate QA and a controlled moderation route
- standard grant rounds use dedicated management, scorer allocation, and scheduled QA
- high-volume rounds use reserve assessors, daily burn-down checks and staged moderation
- surge rounds use enhanced QA, senior moderation assurance and active escalation controls

DADA's methodology includes live progress tracking, rational moderation evidence trails, feedback QA and lessons learned, so risks are managed during delivery rather than discovered at deadline.

Skills Base and Resource Model

DADA will deploy a competency-led resource model rather than a fixed generic CV pool. The team structure includes contract governance, bid management, moderation leadership, skills and employment assessors, capital/technical assessors, quality assurance reviewers and PMO support.

The skills base includes:

- public sector procurement and grant award experience
- adult skills, employability, further education and learner support
- employer engagement, inclusion and social value
- capital, estate, construction and technical delivery assessment
- planning, procurement route, cost, programme, BREEAM and net zero understanding
- risk, evidence, assurance and due diligence review
- moderation, consensus scoring and feedback quality assurance
- dashboard, tracker, document control and audit trail management

No scorer, moderator or QA reviewer will be deployed until they have completed DADA onboarding, conflict-of-interest declaration, confidentiality and secure data-handling requirements, GLA familiarisation and scoring / moderation calibration.

Value to the GLA

DADA will combine scalable assessment capacity with assurance-led controls to support fair, consistent and auditable grant decisions. Our approach strengthens scoring quality, moderation records, applicant feedback and timetable visibility, while using calibration, live quality assurance and lessons learned to reduce rework and improve future grant rounds. DADA will measure value for money through throughput, scorer utilisation, rationale quality, scoring variance, rework avoided, feedback quality, issue escalation and lessons embedded.

About DADA Enterprises

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