

Opportunity:

Worcestershire County Council is seeking to engage with providers of:

**Business Support for Low Carbon Technology Innovation and Development**

We would like to discuss this opportunity with interested providers to help provide the best delivery service for businesses.

The following dates are available for (up to) 30 minutes telephone conversation with Project Personnel:

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**The Low Carbon Opportunities Programme (LoCOP)** will provide free support to help businesses innovate, grow, develop and adopt low carbon products, processes and services.

This support will aim to help businesses implement ideas and commercialise products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As a guide low carbon innovation is defined as technology or process that:

- Prevents or reduces the release of greenhouse gases / carbon emissions
- Supplies energy with substantially lower greenhouse gases / carbon emissions than the current average supply
- Reduces energy consumption
- Help consumers reduce their energy usage
- Reduces primary and secondary greenhouse gases through processes

LoCOP will provide free advice to small and medium size businesses in Worcestershire through a "12 hour Assist". Businesses will then have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000.

Assist will seek to address and support the SME with any barriers being faced, for example with developing collaborative links with relevant research institutions, IP protection, market access or location of manufacturing partners, skills and technical support.

The service is expected to be operational from early 2020 until September 2022

Expected contract value = £30,000

LoCOP is a partnership between all of the Worcestershire Councils and is receiving up to £1,624,328 funding from the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-20, of which £30,000 is available for business support for Low Carbon Technology Innovation and Development.

To register your interest, please email [sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:sustainability@worcestershire.gov.uk) email, no later than Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 with your preferred date and time.

We anticipate advertising a tender for this service before the end of 2019. This is your opportunity to find out more about the opportunity before the tender is advertised.