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FURTHER EDUCATION CAPITAL TRANSFORMATION FUND

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INTRODUCTION

The launch of the DfE's Further Education Capital Transformation Fund (FECTF) is a welcome and long overdue opportunity for Colleges to make meaningful improvements to their estate. RLB can support you in accessing this fund by helping you compile an effective bid aligned with the DfE's assessment criteria.

The newly announced FECTF offers access to a large part of the Government's promised £1.5bn investment to improve the condition of the sector's buildings. Allocation of funding is controlled by a two-stage bid process focused around a set of DfE defined criteria.

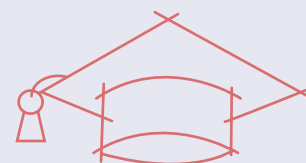
Given the need in the sector, we anticipate that competition to secure a share of this funding will be intense and it will be vital to compile a bid that is rigorous and forensic in how it looks at the DfE's Qualification Criteria. RLB's experts are currently working with a number of Colleges to support them in assessing the condition of their estate and preparing effective estate strategies that support Business Cases and drive efficient use of existing space.

We have strong experience of securing funding through similar DfE schemes. Our experts have secured Capital Funding for Academies amounting to £200m for undertaking long-standing condition related projects, refurbishments and alterations. RLB have consistently achieved a high bid success rate equal to or above the national average.

Our experience in the FE sector includes undertaking condition surveys on over 1000 buildings amounting to over 2million m² of College space.

Deadlines for accessing the FECTF are tight with high level Stage 1 bid submissions required by 15 March 2021 and more detailed Stage 2 submissions required by 30 July 2021.

UNDERSTANDING FURTHER EDUCATION



One of the DfE's preferred suppliers on the **Condition Data Collection (CDC)** Framework, Rounds 1 and 2

1,000
buildings surveyed
through CDC1, totalling
2,000,000m² space



“As part of the development of our new Estate Strategy, we commissioned RLB to undertake a full maintenance survey of the College Estate and develop a 5 year, prioritised and priced planned maintenance schedule. This was completed with complete professionalism and thoroughness, within a demanding timescale and in a way that worked with the wider team writing our Estate Strategy document. A team that's highly recommended!”

**Andrew Crowter, Director of Estates
Birmingham Metropolitan College**



HELPING YOU MEET THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION'S FUNDING CRITERIA



The FECTF delivers the government's £1.5 billion commitment made at the Budget 2020 to upgrade and transform the FE college estate over the next 5 years. The key objectives of the programme are:

OBJECTIVES	HOW RLB CAN HELP
To upgrade the FE college estate and to significantly reduce the proportion of FE college estate not fit for purpose or in unsatisfactory condition, ensuring all colleges are excellent places to learn;	We will deliver a holistic, multi-faceted appraisal of your estate that provides the intelligence to make informed decisions on where and how to invest your capital.
To support the government's further education and technical education reforms including those set out in Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth;	Our extensive sector experience gives us the knowledge to work with you to translate your academic objectives into the efficient space and buildings you need to achieve them.
To ensure FE colleges have the buildings and facilities they need to support the skills needs of their local labour market, building strong relationships with local employers;	Extensive experience of delivering the wide range of specialist facilities required to provide training in the skills needed by the labour market.
To contribute to local economic regeneration and the levelling up of skills and opportunities across the country;	RLB have developed market leading tools to enable the Social Value generated by your project to be maximised through a planned and structured process that delivers measurable results.
To promote optimum space utilisation and more efficient use of facilities;	Space analysis that enables strategies to be developed to improve the efficiency of the estate, make it more affordable to maintain reduce carbon and improve its sustainability.
And to support government objectives on environmental sustainability.	We work with our clients to analyse, develop and manage sustainability strategies that consider design, operation and future proofing. This includes delivering a whole range of accreditation schemes including BREEAM and SKA as well as developing bespoke assessments that integrate carbon accounting, sustainability, well being and social value.

OUR EXPERIENCE



TAMESIDE COLLEGE ◀ **MANCHESTER, UK**

SERVICES: Contract administrator

- Alteration and refurbishment of the main entrance, reception and associated desk along with offices for the senior staff members. We created new open office accommodation behind the reception area along with private meeting spaces for staff and students.



HULL COLLEGE ◀ **HULL, UK**

SERVICES: Building surveying

- RLB was appointed to provide condition surveys which provided a 10-year maintenance strategy for the college
- Surveys influenced investment & prioritised health & safety issues



BMET COLLEGE ◀ **BIRMINGHAM, UK**

SERVICES: Building surveying

- Five-year Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) survey to include both building fabric, mechanical and electrical. The survey has helped the College to building a capital works programme and is now supporting the college with preparing a bid under the FECTF



NEWHAM SIXTH FORM COLLEGE ◀ **LONDON, UK**

SERVICES: Cost management

- **NEWVIC:** First phase of a complete renewal of the entire college
- Two storey new build 2,600m² Learning Resource Centre

OUR EXPERIENCE



HARTPURY COLLEGE ◀ GLOUCESTER, UK

SERVICES: Building surveying

- Stock condition survey of the College's property portfolio as part of 10 year planned maintenance works



LEEDS CITY COLLEGE ◀ LEEDS, UK

SERVICES: Building surveying, project management, NEC supervisory

- **Quarry Hill Campus:** new-build 9-storey FE college
- Includes a performing arts theatre, 10 specialist music studios and 237 unique general teaching rooms



TRAFFORD COLLEGE GROUP - STOCKPORT COLLEGE ◀ STOCKPORT, UK

SERVICES: Project and cost management, principal designer

- **Stockport College Campus Redevelopment:** RLB assisted the College to achieve funding awards, develop the design and secure a contractor for the project



KENDAL COLLEGE ◀ CUMBRIA, UK

SERVICES: Cost management, project management,

- **New arts studio:** New art workshops, art studios, general teaching rooms, new dance rehearsal studio and a public gallery. The building was constructed on a highly constrained site
- RLB were engaged by Kendal College to deliver flood damage reinstatement works to a **Grade I listed building** used as a catering/hospitality facility

OUR EXPERIENCE



COLEG GWENT ◀ SOUTH WALES, UK

SERVICES: Building surveying, project management, cost management, CDM principal design

- 12-year client relationship
- RLB produced a 10 year Planned and Preventative Maintenance programme



DUDLEY COLLEGE ◀ DUDLEY, UK

SERVICES: Facilitation and risk advice

- **Centre for Advanced Building Techniques:** World-class construction training facility providing students with outstanding skills development



KIRKLEES COLLEGE ◀ KIRKLEES, UK

SERVICES: Cost management

Dewsbury Learning Quarter:

- Relocation and consolidation to new town centre facility
- Learning & training facility for 16-18 years old students



CITY OF LIVERPOOL COLLEGE ◀ LIVERPOOL, UK

SERVICES: Building surveying, cost management, project management

- **Arts Centre Digital Gaming Suite:** Conversion of the existing Arts Centre to provide a number of digital gaming teaching zones

ABOUT US



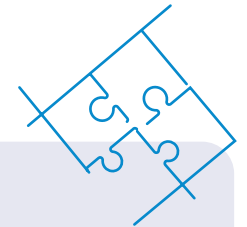
SERVICES

- Building surveying
- Project management
- Cost management
- Mechanical and electrical engineering
- Health and safety
- Sustainability consultancy



KEY DIFFERENTIATORS

- Close working relationship with the **Department for Education**
- Key partner in the **Condition Data Collection (CDC2) Framework** (1 & 2)
- Significant experience of DfE bid and project delivery processes
- Innovative, dashboard approach to the presentation and analysis of condition data, enabling you to see the key investment priorities
- Market-leading **social value** tools to enabling you to plan, track and deliver the maximum social value from your construction project



DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

RLB Field is a data capturing solution that could be utilised in surveying estate conditions. This data is then analysed in **RLB Focus** as a series of interactive visuals, including charts, maps and gauges. The client receives a “data on demand” service that is a live representation of their estate’s condition and will help inform future strategy.



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