



Outdoor Basketball Initiative

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Outdoor Basketball Initiative is seeking a suitable partner to establish an outdoor basketball arena. The facility will provide a basketball court in a prestigious setting, easily accessible by the general public and able to accommodate a significant number (circa 500) of spectators.

When the court is not in use for special events, it should be made available for recreational basketball without charge. The Arena could also be used from time to time for other sports events.

The specifications for the arena include the following:

- A regulation sized basketball playing area and backboards
- A suitable dedicated area, to enable control of access for events when required.
- A floor surface suitable for high performance play including wheelchair basketball
- Spectator accommodation, which is envisaged to be in the form of stepped terraces.
- Ideally, the arena should be sited in a location that frequently attracts a significant number of visitors or passers-by.
- Suitable floodlighting or other illumination, to enable evening or night-time use.

The Outdoor Basketball Initiative will grant aid the hosts up to 75% of approved capital costs associated with the establishment of the arena, up to a maximum of £50,000. This does not include any costs that may be associated with the acquisition of land, which is the sole responsibility of the host partner. There is a possibility of some additional funding for special requirements in exceptional cases.

¹ *The EBBA Outdoor Basketball Initiative is a not for profit company, originally established by the English Basket Ball Association ('England Basketball'). OBI has erected over 9,000 outdoor basketball goals throughout the country, and continues to help support the development of basketball.*



In addition, the NBA will also provide a range of product and promotional support to the successful host based upon location, the events and activities at the arena, and in line with its Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA programme.

The Arena could be a new facility or an upgrade of an existing OBI court. The Hosts (eg. a Local Authority, an Accredited Basketball Club or a private sector organisation) are required to commit to the following conditions:

- Securing or providing the land on which the arena will be sited
- Taking all responsibility for the ownership of the project
- Securing the use of the arena and all its fixtures and fittings at all times
- Providing adequate insurance cover against all third party claims arising from the use of the arena
- Ensuring that the arena is properly maintained in full working order for a minimum ten years
- Undertaking to make the arena available, without charge, for use by England Basketball or its partners, on at least 20 days each year
- Running an approved basketball development programme at the arena

In addition to the cash contribution being made by the OBI, the NBA is also committing product and promotional support.

Expressions of interest, without prejudice, should be submitted in writing **by 20th November 2009**. Soon after that date, a short-list of potential hosts will be drawn up. Short listed candidates will be invited to submit a full proposal document.

To submit an expression of interest, please contact the Outdoor Basketball Initiative, 04 Park Square, Newton Chambers Road, Sheffield S35 2PH. (0114) 2571992 or email: alison.bridge@mls.gb.com for an application form or visit www.outdoorbasketball.org.uk and download a form from this website.

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