

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Act 2020 (WA) to all State ag

This procurement direction applies on and

¹ Purpose: the contextual information under this heading does not form part of the direction.

2.0 Procurement Practice Measures to Benefit Local Small and Medium Enterprises

State agencies undertaking works procurement are required to consider further measures to maximise the participation of the local building and construction industry in projects, including by:

- informing the local building and construction industry stakeholders including small and medium enterprises about upcoming projects and procedural requirements;
- emphasising local and regional benefits in the selection of procurement methods, design of tender evaluation criteria and value-for-money assessments;
- arranging programs of work so they are accessible to small and medium enterprises;
- refreshing existing panels periodically to provide opportunities for further small and medium enterprise participation;
- where it is necessary to specify proprietary products to describe a requirement of the procurement, consider specifying (by example) locally available building materials, while allowing for the consideration of equivalent alternatives;
- exercising existing contractual extension options, or approving short beyond term extensions (of no more than two years) for existing arrangements expiring before 30 June 2021, where the current arrangement is delivering value for money and extending would give an incumbent local business economic security and facilitate the retention of jobs; and
- providing timely and meaningful feedback in relation to unsuccessful tenders and performance of contracts.

State agencies will be asked to inform the Department of Finance by 30 September 2020 the measures they have adopted within their agency.

3.0 Other Works Procurement Policy Requirements

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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR STATE AGENCIES

Co-operative Procurement Arrangements

All State agencies are advised Part 5 of the Procurement Act 2020 provides for the establishment of co-