

GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Procurement Act 2020

‘Authorised Bodies’

Purpose¹:

To enable the Director General, Department of Finance to declare entities to be Authorised Bodies under section 6(1)(b) of the *Procurement Act 2020* (WA) (Act) by including them on the register in accordance with this Direction.

General Procurement Direction: 2021 / 03

Scope of Operation and Timing:

This procurement direction is issued by the Deputy Director General, Advisory Services, as delegate of the Minister administering the Act.

This procurement direction applies on and from 1 June 2021.

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

Declaring Authorised Body

The Department CEO may declare an entity of the kind specified in section 6(2) of the Act to be an Authorised Body by including the entity on a register of Authorised Bodies maintained by the Department of Finance.

The Authorised Body register may include conditions on an Authorised Body's procurement activities under the Act.

The Department of Finance will establish operating procedures to assess applications to be declared an Authorised Body.

All Authorised Bodies will be notified of the outcome of their application. The notification will indicate the purpose for which they are authorised, and any conditions of this authorisation.

Accessing Common Use Arrangements

Authorised Bodies may access common use contractual arrangements (CUAs) (section 25(3) of the Act).

The Department of Finance will maintain a list of Authorised Bodies able to access CUAs – a public 'Approved CUA Users List' (the List). The List will be published on wa.gov.au.

Authorised Bodies on the List may access CUAs in accordance with the terms and conditions of each CUA.

Authorised Bodies for Other Purposes

The Department CEO may also declare entities to be Authorised Bodies for two other purposes:

1. to enter into a cooperative procurement arrangement with a State agency (sections 26 and 27 of the Act); and
2. to enable these bodies to rely on the debarment or suspension of a supplier to exclude the supplier from their procurement of goods, services or works (section 33(2) i of the Act).

Further information and support from the Department of Finance can be obtained from wa.gov.au and from procurementadvice@finance.wa.gov.au

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