GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Procurement Act 2020

Managing works projects other than nonresidential buildings

Purpose¹:

The Western Australian Procurement Rules (the Rules) require State agencies to involve the Department of Finance (Finance) in works procurement unless the agency is otherwise authorised under Rule C1.

This General Procurement Direction prescribes the process that State agencies must follow to seek support for works projects other than non-residential buildings, where the State agency does not have the authority to undertake these works projects without the involvement of Finance.

Following the process in this General Procurement Direction will be considered sufficient to demonstrate compliance with Rule C1.

General Procurement Direction: 2025/02

Scope of Operation and Timing:

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

Revocation of General Procurement Direction 2023/02

General Procurement Direction 2023/02 is revoked and replaced by issue of this General Procurement Direction 2025/02.

This is procurement direction applies on and from 20 January 2025.

24/12/2024

Date

Kate Ingham Deputy Director General Department of Finance as delegate of the Minister for Finance

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

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To procure works other than non-residential buildings, a Customer Agency must seek support from a Delivery Agency.

When requested, a Delivery Agency must provide support to the Customer Agency. The Delivery Agency should be principal to the contract(s) for the Customer Agency's required works, except in extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances occur where the Delivery Agency deems it inappropriate to be contract principal for sound operational reasons.

If extraordinary circumstances apply, the Delivery Agency may provide the Customer Agency with advisory support only.

The Customer Agency must notify the Deputy Director General, Advisory Services Department of Finance (Finance) within 30 calendar days of the commencement of a works procurement support arrangement with a Delivery Agency.

If the Delivery Agency will be providing advisory support only, the Customer Agency must satisfy itself that the level of support will enable a value for money outcome to be achieved and does not create undue risk exposure. The Customer Agency must confirm this in its notice to Finance.

In notifying the Deputy Director General, Advisory Services under this general procurement direction, the Customer Agency is considered to have met the requirement of Rule C1 of the Rules.

Definitions

For the purposes of this Procurement Direction:

- **Customer Agency** refers to a State agency seeking to procure works, which does not have the authority to independently undertake the required works under the WAPR.
- **Delivery Agency** refers to a State agency or other Western Australian government entity that has the expertise to support the Customer Agency in procuring its required works.

Further Assistance

More information on this Direction can be found on WA.gov.au.

For further enquiries regarding this Direction please contact the Department of Finance at <u>procurementadvice@finance.wa.gov.au</u>.

END OF DIRECTION