

WORKING WITH THE
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
*The South Australian Government
Procurement Framework*

The South Australian Government Procurement Framework (the Framework) is a set of instructions and policies establishing how government engages with industry and communities to innovate and take balanced risks to pursue better outcomes.

WHO DOES THE FRAMEWORK APPLY TO?

The Framework applies to South Australian public authorities that buy goods, services and construction projects of any value.

All government departments are public authorities, as are attached offices (e.g. Office of the Industry Advocate). Statutory authorities may nor may not be public authorities depending on the legislation that establishes them.

How agencies use the framework

The Framework sets the minimum requirements for how agencies must manage procurement governance, procurement planning, sourcing and contract management.

To reflect the vast array of activities and services that government delivers, the Framework also requires that agencies have their own internal procurement framework. These internal frameworks tell staff how to implement the overarching rules in a way that works for their purpose and operations.

PRINCIPLES AND BENEFITS OF THE FRAMEWORK

The 4 key principles of the Framework deliver key benefits to the government, suppliers and the state.

Value for money

Agencies seek value for money in procurements by finding the optimum balance between whole-of-life cost and quality.

Everyone benefits when public funds are spent responsibly and for maximum return on investment.

Jobs, apprentices and trainees

Agencies consider the economic benefit that procurements can offer through creation of new jobs and opportunities for apprentices and trainees.

Everyone benefits when all South Australians can work and participate in the local economy.

Innovation and new business

Agencies consider the economic benefit that procurements can offer through innovation and new businesses that improve the way goods, services, and construction projects are delivered.

Everyone benefits when the local economy is vibrant and productive.

Environmentally sensitive, low carbon, socially just outcomes

To help build a strong, climate-smart economy and support adaptation to a changing environment, agencies seek environmental and social procurement outcomes and encourage suppliers to improve environmental and social practices.

Everyone benefits when local environments and communities are strong and healthy.

PRIORITY OUTCOMES FROM APPLYING THE FRAMEWORK

As well as the key benefits created by its 4 principles, the Framework sets specific priority outcomes that agencies must achieve.

- SA workers must deliver a minimum 90 per cent of labour hours on major infrastructure projects worth more than \$50 million.
- 20 per cent of all labour hours on major projects must be delivered by apprentices, trainees, Aboriginal workers and long-term unemployed.
- Contractors to government must be paid within 15 days of lodging an invoice.

WHAT SUPPLIERS SHOULD KNOW

While the Framework guides how the government undertakes procurement, there are corresponding obligations and expectations that suppliers must consider.

SA Industry Participation Policy (SAIPP)

The SAIPP requires agencies to ensure local suppliers can participate in procurement opportunities. Suppliers wishing to do so must meet the requirements set by agencies as part of the SAIPP such as developing and implementing Industry Participation Plans.

SA Supplier Conduct Charter (SCC)

The SCC outlines the minimum expectations of suppliers in their business partnerships with the government including corporate responsibility, conflicts of interest, safe work environments and environmentally responsible practices.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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