

# Attachment E – Sustainable Procurement and Economic Benefits to the Australian Economy.

## People Panel Professional Contractor Services

### Note to Tenderers:

The Tender Response Questionnaire, in the 360 Public Portal, contains a series of questions that once completed and submitted will form the Tenderer's Tender.

The Tender Response Questionnaire contains a number of sections that the Tenderer is required to address. The information required in relation to sustainable procurement and economic benefits to the Australian economy under the 'Commonwealth Policy Requirements' tab is summarised below. Further information about the Commonwealth Policy Requirements is available through guidance notes in the Tender Response Questionnaire and in the **Attachment D – Information and Guidance about the Tender Response Questionnaire**.

The Commonwealth Procurement Rules (**CPRs**) require officials to, when assessing Value for Money (**VFM**), consider the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of each Tender including the environmental sustainability of the proposed goods and services as well as the economic benefit of the procurement to the Australian economy.

Therefore, as part of the VFM assessment, Finance will consider, in the context of relevant agreements and procurement policies, the environmental sustainability of the Offered Services and economic benefits to the Australian economy in providing the Offered Services.

Further information on these requirements is available at:

- [Sustainable Procurement Guide \(dceew.gov.au\)](https://dceew.gov.au)
- [Consideration-of-broader-economic-benefits-in-procurement \(finance.gov.au\)](https://finance.gov.au)

The Tenderer should provide information to demonstrate environmental sustainability of the Offered Services and the economic benefits to the Australian Economy directly and indirectly related to providing the Offered Services when completing the Tender Response Questionnaire in the 360 Public Portal

Some of the relevant considerations that Tenderers may contemplate and address are provided below. Tenderers may also decide to address other considerations in addition to these, if the Tenderer considers these to be relevant to this procurement.

### Environmental Sustainability

Tenderer should provide information about environmental sustainability in providing Offered Services such as, but not limited to:

- (a) information about whether the Tenderer has implemented environmental sustainability initiatives related to providing goods/services similar to those required by this Request for Tender (**RFT**), including initiatives within the supply chain; and
- (b) information about whether the Tenderer has implemented environmental sustainability initiatives within its organisation (e.g. recycling/carbon offset initiatives, environmentally friendly programs).

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## Economic Benefit to the Australian Economy

Tenderers should provide details of the economic benefit of their Tender to the Australian economy noting that only direct effects, or first round economic effects to the Australian economy will be considered by Finance.

There are many ways that a supplier can provide an economic benefit to the Australian economy. Tenderers may wish to address the following issues in relation to their Tender. Some examples include, but are not limited to:

- (a) building, leasing or procuring infrastructure that benefit Australian communities;
- (b) providing skills and training that benefit Australian communities;
- (c) employing workers in Australia;
- (d) employing apprentices or trainees in Australia;
- (e) paying taxes in Australia;
- (f) the environmental benefit of the proposed solution to Australia, for example: reducing environmental and climate change impact through energy efficient inputs; or using recycled materials or content;
- (g) contributing to positive social outcomes in Australian communities, such as engaging unemployed people;
- (h) using Indigenous businesses;
- (i) using SMEs in delivering goods and services, either directly or as a subcontractor or a supplier;
- (j) developing and adopting innovative products or practices that benefit Australian communities;
- (k) sharing knowledge, skills and technology with SMEs;
- (l) creating export opportunities for Australian goods and services;
- (m) using goods and services from a business that provides services of persons with a disability; and
- (n) developing Australian industry capabilities or industrial capacity.

Note: A small to medium enterprise Small to Medium Enterprises (**SMEs**) is an Australian or New Zealand firm with fewer than 200 full-time equivalent employees. When assessing the number of employees a firm has, employees of any associated entities (as defined in s 50AAA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)) to the firm are included. Associated entities to a firm include a firm's parent company, a firm's subsidiaries, and any related bodies corporate to the firm.

Further, Tenderers can also provide information about employment opportunities or strategies that provide an economic benefit to the Australian economy such as:

- (a) information about whether the Tenderer has implemented employment opportunities or strategies for people with disability, long-term unemployed, disengaged youth, and workers in transition and provide a description of those opportunities and strategies;
- (b) information about whether the Tenderer has implemented employment opportunities or strategies that support gender equality; and
- (c) information about whether the Tenderer has implemented employment opportunities or strategies for Indigenous peoples.