



Telecommunications Services Panel fact sheet

The Telecommunications Services Panel (the Panel) is a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangement that covers:

- Category 1: Managed WAN Services (Terrestrial and Satellite);
- Category 2: Transport Data Link Services (Terrestrial and Satellite); and,
- Category 3: Internet Connection Services.

Seven suppliers to the Panel were appointed through an open approach to market in 2016:

- Telstra Corporation Ltd;
- Optus Networks Pty Ltd;
- Nextgen Networks Pty Ltd;
- Macquarie Telecom Pty Ltd;
- Sliced Tech Pty Ltd;
- Verizon Australia Pty Ltd; and,
- TPG Network Pty Ltd.

The Panel has an initial term of four years to 2020, with options to extend for a further three periods of up to 12-months each.

The Panel's AusTender Standing Offer Number is SON3386916.

Why has the Government put a panel arrangement in place for these services?

The Panel replaces the Internet Based Network Connection Services (IBNCS) Panel, which expired on 31 December 2016. No new contracts will be formed under IBNCS, however existing IBNCS contracts will continue to operate for their agreed term.

The Panel offers government more efficient and responsive network carriage services, managed network services, Internet connection services and optional satellite services.

Who should use the Panel?

The Panel is mandatory for Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities procuring:

- Managed WAN Services (Terrestrial);
- Transport Data Link Services (Terrestrial); and
- Internet Connection Services.

The Panel is optional for Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entities procuring:

- Managed WAN Services (Satellite); and
- Transport Data Link Services (Satellite).

The following agencies may also use the Panel:

- Corporate Commonwealth Entities under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (Cth)*;
- bodies governed by the Governor-General or a Minister of the Commonwealth or over which the Commonwealth exercises control; and
- bodies governed by a State Governor or by a Minister of a State or Territory or over which a State or Territory exercises control.

Who manages the Telecommunication Services Panel?

The Department of Finance (Finance) manages the Panel on behalf of the Australian Government.

How does the Panel work?

Entities must approach Finance to procure services through the Panel. Finance will procure services on behalf of entities.

Where can I find more information?

For more information please contact telcopanel@finance.gov.au or 02 6215 1597.