



Australian Government

Defence

UPDATE SUMMARY
DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL 2022-2027
TEMPLATE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
SUMMARY OF UPDATES
OCTOBER 2023 AND AUGUST 2025

1. AUGUST 2025 SUMMARY OF UPDATES

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Streamlining and tidy ups	Various	Various amendments to streamline the documents and remove duplication, including to update and insert a number of guidance notes
Request for Proposal		
Proposal Lodgement Process	Item 8	Amendments to: 1. in respect of proposals to be lodged via email, include additional requirements in respect of file size; and 2. in respect of proposals to be lodged via AusTender, provide for this option (to be selected by the Commonwealth) in the Simple RFP and CFISS RFPs and, in all other RFPs, include a guidance note
Evaluation Criteria	Item 9 (PMCA RFPs and CFISS RFPs)	Amendments to include an evaluation criterion in respect of the Defence Industry Participation Schedule, where the value of the procurement over all phases (if any) is \$4 million (GST inclusive) or more
Official Order: Annexure B		
Defence Industry Participation Schedule	Clause 1.3 (Simple RFP); clause 3 (CFISS Project RFP); clause 4 (CFISS Program RFP); clause 7 (General RFP); clause 8 (PMCA RFP Master DCAP VFM only); clause 9 (PMCA RFPs	Inclusion of new item/clause in relation to the Defence Policy for Industry Participation for the Panel Consultant to address, to be inserted by the Commonwealth only if the value of the procurement over all phases (if any) is \$4 million (GST inclusive) or more. In the Simple RFP, a guidance note has been inserted which provides that users are to contact the Panel Management Team for the relevant schedule for procurements above the threshold

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	Master DCAP and No Master DCAP)	
Official Order: Annexure D		
Defence Industry Participation Schedule	Contract Particular for clause 5.19	Inclusion of a Contract Particular to identify whether the Defence Industry Participation Schedule in the Terms of Engagement will apply, including a guidance note

2. OCTOBER 2023 SUMMARY OF UPDATES

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Streamlining and tidy ups	Various	Various amendments to streamline the documents and remove duplication, including to insert a number of guidance notes
Request for Proposal		
Indigenous Procurement Policy	Various	References to the Indigenous Procurement Policy have been removed from the template RFPs. A guidance note has been inserted into the RFP template which provides that users are to contact the Commonwealth's Panel Manager for the relevant Indigenous Procurement Policy template for procurements valued above \$7.5 million (GST inclusive)
Confidential Information	N/A	A provision has been included to provide that the RFP is (and all addenda and Information Documents issued in connection with the RFP are) "Confidential Information" for the purposes of the Panel Conditions (subject to paragraph (b) of that definition)
DEQMS/Defence Website references	N/A	References to "DEQMS" have been replaced with "Defence Website" to align with a proposed Amendment Agreement provided by the Commonwealth to Panel Consultants in September 2023
Evaluation Criteria	Item 9 (PMCA RFPs only)	Inclusion of standard evaluation criteria
Security Clearances	Item 12 (excluding Simple RFP)	Streamlined provision in respect of request for security clearance information
Other Requirements	Item 13 (Simple RFP and CFISS RFP); item 14 (General RFP and PMCA RFPs)	Streamlined provision in respect of "other requirements", incorporating requirements previously captured in items titled "Copies" and "File Naming Convention"
Key Personnel Interviews	Item 21 (General RFP only)	Amendments to provide that the Commonwealth may (in its absolute discretion) request the Panel Consultant's proposed key personnel to attend a Key Personnel Interview
Preferred Panel Consultants	Item 16 (Simple RFP); item 18 (CFISS RFPs); item	Amendments to provide that the Commonwealth may (in its absolute discretion) appoint one or more preferred Panel

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	22 (General RFP and PMCA RFPs)	Consultants including to negotiate a proposal or for the purposes of documenting and finalising an Official Order
Removal of "Additional Confidentiality Obligations"	Previous item 26 (PMCA RFPs); item 29 (General RFP)	Amendments to delete the previous "Additional Confidentiality Obligations" line item
[Draft] Official Order		
Key People	N/A (General RFP, Simple RFP, PMCA RFPs)	Amendments to include a line item in respect of the Consultant's key people
Official Order: Annexure B		
Key Issues and Risks	Clause 2 (General RFP)	Amendments to move a number of the template "key issues and risks" from the table into a guidance note for the Commonwealth's consideration
Approach to Programming the Services	PMCA RFPs only	Amendments to provide that the Panel Consultant is requested to outline their overall approach to programming and to provide a detailed draft program, which will form the basis of the initial program to be provided by the successful Consultant under clause 7.2 of the Terms of Engagement
Joint Bid Arrangements	Clause 6 (General RFPs); clause 8 (PMCA RFPs)	Amendments to move the Panel Consultant's proposal in respect of joint bids to Annexure B (where this was previously to be set out in the "Additional Matters for Response" annexure)
Official Order: Annexure C		
Reimbursable Costs	N/A (CFISS RFPs only)	Amendments to include provisions in respect of the payment of reimbursable costs
Official Order: Annexure D		
Award Date	Contract Particular for clause 1.1 (Award Date)	Amendment to reflect that the Award Date is the date set out in the Official Order
Fee Schedule	Contract Particular for clause 1.1 (Fee Schedule)	Amendment to reflect that the Fee Schedule is set out at Annexure C to the Official Order
Project DCAP	Contract Particular for clause 1.1 (Project DCAP) (excluding PMCA RFPs)	Amendment to reflect that the Project DCAP is annexed to the Official Order (General and Simple RFPs); amendment to reflect that there is no "Project DCAP" (CFISS RFPs)
Commercial-in-Confidence Information	Contract Particular for clause 3.5	Amendment to reflect that Panel Consultants are to propose Commercial-in-Confidence Information in the Contract Particular, rather than in the other parts of the RFP (including to delete the reference in the draft Official Order) (all RFPs except CFISS RFPs); amendment to reflect that there is no Commercial-in-Confidence Information stated (CFISS RFPs)

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Payment	Contract Particular for clause 10 (PMCA RFPs only)	Amendment to provide that clause 10 (rather than clause 10A) of the Terms of Engagement applies as the default
Appointed adjudicator/prescribed appointer/authorised nominating authority	Contract Particular for clause 9.14(d) (General and Simple RFPs, CFISS RFPs) and 10.14(d) (PMCA RFPs)	Amendment to remove the option for the Commonwealth to nominate a specific appointed adjudicator or prescribed appointer and for the relevant State-based institute to be the default
Level of DISP membership	Contract Particular for clause 17(a) (General and Simple RFPs, CFISS RFPs) and 18(a) (PMCA RFPs)	Amendment to include a detailed guidance note in respect of the level of required DISP membership, and to provide that the level provided in respect of the "Governance" security domain must equal the highest level required for the "Personnel Security", "Physical Security" and "Information / Cyber Security" security domains
Official Order: Previous Annexure F		
Additional Matters for Response	Previous Annexure F (except for Simple RFP)	Deletion of "Additional Matters for Response" annexure to reflect that the relevant requirements are now addressed in other parts of the RFP or Terms of Engagement (under the proposed Amendment Agreement circulated to Panel Consultants for signature in September 2023)

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