



Australian Government

Defence

UPDATE SUMMARY

DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL - ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND ESTATE ENGINEERING 2020-2027

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none">in respect of General Remediation RFP, remove the option for the proposal being lodged in hard copy;in respect of proposals to be lodged via email, include additional requirements in respect of file size; andin respect of proposals to be lodged via AusTender, provide for this option (to be selected by the Commonwealth) in the Simple RFP and Simple Remediation RFP and, in all other RFPs, include a guidance note
Official Order: Annexure B		
Defence Industry Participation Schedule	Third item in the table (Simple RFP) and clause 7 (General RFP)	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

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Official Order: Annexure D		
Defence Industry Participation Schedule	Contract Particular for clause 5.18 (General and Simple RFPs)	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
Security Clearances	Item 12 (General and Simple RFPs, General Remediation RFP)	Streamlined provision in respect of request for security clearance information
Other Requirements	Item 14 (General RFP)	Streamlined provision in respect of "other requirements", incorporating requirements previously captured in items titled "Copies" and "Endorsement / File Naming Convention"
Preferred Panel Consultants	Item 21 (General RFP); item 22 (General Remediation RFP)	Amendments to provide that the Commonwealth may (in its absolute discretion) appoint one or more preferred Panel Consultants including to negotiate a proposal or for the purposes of documenting and finalising an Official Order
Questions	Item 24 (General RFP)	Amendment to provide that the Commonwealth is to insert the number of days prior to the Closing Date and Time by which Panel Consultants must submit questions concerning the RFP

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Removal of "Additional Confidentiality Obligations"	Previous item 28 (General RFP); previous item 27 (General Remediation RFP)	Amendments to delete the previous "Additional Confidentiality Obligations" line item
Termination of RFP Process	Item 27 (General RFP); item 18 (Simple RFP); item 28 (General Remediation RFP); item 16 (Simple Remediation RFP)	Amendment to expressly include a right for the Commonwealth to elect to terminate the RFP process
[Draft] Official Order		
Key People	N/A (General and Simple RFPs; General and Simple Remediation 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; General Remediation 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
Official Order: Annexure C		
Reimbursable Costs	Clause 3 (General and Simple RFPs)	Amendments to that provide where Engagements are on a Schedule of Rates basis, the payment of disbursements will be as set out in the Schedule of Rates and is subject to the Commonwealth's written consent being obtained prior to the incurring of such costs and disbursements
Official Order: Annexure D		
Award Date	Contract Particular for clause 1.1 (Award Date) (General and Simple RFPs; General and Simple Remediation RFPs)	Amendment to reflect that the Award Date is the date set out in the Official Order

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Fee Schedule	Contract Particular for clause 1.1 (Fee Schedule) (General and Simple RFPs)	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) (General and Simple RFPs; General and Simple Remediation RFPs)	Amendment to reflect that the Project DCAP is annexed to the Official Order
Commercial-in-Confidence Information	Contract Particular for clause 3.5 (General and Simple RFPs); Contract Particular for clause 17.11 (General and Simple Remediation RFPs)	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)
Appointed adjudicator/prescribed appointer/authorised nominating authority	Contract Particular for clause 9.14(d) (General and Simple RFPs); Contract Particular for clause 12.20(d) (General and Simple Remediation 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 16(a) (General and Simple RFPs); Contract Particular for clause 21(a) (General and Simple Remediation 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

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