



UPDATE SUMMARY
DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL – MAJOR CONSTRUCTION
EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT HEAD CONTRACT – TWO CONTRACTOR
PLANNING PHASE APPROACH
TENDER DOCUMENTS
OCTOBER 2025

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Items 8, 11(b)(iii) and 39 and Tender Schedule H - Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Amendments to reflect updates to the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy, including to provide that the Panel Contractor must, as part of its response to Tender Schedule H - Environmentally Sustainable Procurement, complete and lodge a Supplier Environmental Sustainability Plan in the form of the SESP Template and which includes an ESP Policy Commitment Report.
Australian Skills Guarantee	Item 16(a)(iv) and section 3 (Australian Skills Guarantee) of Tender Schedule D – Industry Inclusion and Skills	Amendments to reflect updates to the Australian Skills Guarantee Procurement Connected Policy, including to: - provide that information relating to the Panel Contractor's past performance and reporting in accordance with the Australian Skills Guarantee Procurement Connected Policy will be obtained by the Commonwealth independently from the Skills Guarantee Online Reporting System; and - update paragraph (d), item B (Skills Guarantee Targets), section 3 of Tender Schedule D – Industry Inclusion and Skills to refer to 'Trade Apprentice Labour Hours' (rather than 'Apprentice Labour Hours'). Amendments to also insert the contract periods and minimum target requirements for Flagship Construction Projects in paragraphs (c) and (d), item B (Skills Guarantee Targets), section 3 of Tender Schedule D – Industry Inclusion and Skills.
Evaluation of Tenders	Item 16(d)(iii)E	Amendment to provide for the Commonwealth to not evaluate a Tender or to discontinue negotiations or dealings with any preferred Panel Contractor if the Commonwealth considers (in its absolute discretion) that the Tender is incomplete or clearly not competitive against the evaluation criteria and is unlikely to represent value for money.
Joint Bids	Items 25(c)(ii) and item 9 of the Tender Form	Amendment to clarify that Panel Contractors submitting on a Joint Bid Basis should provide, as part of its Tender, any information relevant to its proposed joint bid arrangements and each Panel Contractor comprising the joint bid.

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General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

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