



Australian Government

Defence

UPDATE SUMMARY

EARLY CONTRACTOR INVOLVEMENT HEAD CONTRACT – TWO CONTRACTOR PLANNING PHASE APPROACH

OCTOBER 2025

1. INVITATION TO REGISTER INTEREST

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Evaluation of Registrations of Interest	Clause 2(b)(iii)C	Amendment to provide for the Commonwealth to not evaluate a Registration of Interest if the Commonwealth considers (in its absolute discretion) that the Registration of Interest is incomplete or clearly not competitive against the evaluation criteria and is unlikely to represent value for money.
Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Clauses 2(c)(i)C and 25(b)(i)	Amendment to align with the updated Early Contractor Involvement Head Contract – Two Contractor Planning Phase Approach Tender Documents minimum form and content requirements.
Industry Inclusion and Skills	Clause 2(c)(ii)E	Amendments to align with the updated 'industry inclusion and skills' evaluation criterion in the template Early Contractor Involvement Head Contract – Two Contractor Planning Phase Approach Tender Documents.
Joint Bids	Clause 8.2(b) and Registration of Interest Form	Amendment to clarify that Applicants submitting on a Joint Bid Basis should provide, as part of its Registration of Interest, any information relevant to its proposed joint bid arrangements and each entity comprising the Applicant.
DISP Membership	Item A (Defence Industry Security Program) of Schedule C – Information Security	Amendment to request the Applicant provide evidence of DISP membership (in the form of a certificate issued by the Commonwealth) together with details of the relevant level held for each Security Domain.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

2. TENDER DOCUMENTS

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Clauses 2.1, 3.1(b)(iv) and 30 and Tender Schedule L - Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Amendments to reflect updates to the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy, including to provide that the Tenderer must, as part of its response to Tender Schedule L - 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	Clause 4(a)(v) and section 3 (Australian Skills Guarantee) of Tender Schedule E – Industry Inclusion and Skills	<p>Amendments to reflect updates to the Australian Skills Guarantee Procurement Connected Policy, including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide that information relating to the Tenderer'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 E – Industry Inclusion and Skills to refer to 'Trade Apprentice Labour Hours' (rather than 'Apprentice Labour Hours'). <p>Amendment to insert the contract periods and minimum target requirements for Major Construction Projects and Flagship Construction Projects in paragraphs (c) and (d), item B (Skills Guarantee Targets), section 3 of Tender Schedule E – Industry Inclusion and Skills.</p>
Evaluation of Tenders	Clause 4(d)(iii)E	Amendment to provide for the Commonwealth to not evaluate a Tender or to discontinue negotiations or dealings with any preferred Tenderer 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	Clause 11.3(b) and item 12 of the Tender Form	Amendment to clarify that Tenderers submitting on a Joint Bid Basis should provide, as part of its Tender, any information relevant to its proposed joint bid arrangements and each entity comprising the Tenderer.
DISP Membership	Item A (Defence Industry Security Program) of section 4 (Information Security) of Tender Schedule I - Miscellaneous Matters for Evaluation	Amendment to request the Tenderer provide evidence of DISP membership (in the form of a certificate issued by the Commonwealth) together with details of the relevant level held for each Security Domain.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

3. CONTRACT

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Asbestos	Clause 1.1	Amendments to the definitions of 'Asbestos Management Plan', 'Asbestos Related Activities' and 'Work Health and Safety Plan' to reflect the updated Security and Estate Group Asbestos Management Plan.
Regional Base Services Contractor	Clause 1.1 and various	Amendments to replace the definition of and references to 'EMOS Contractor' with 'Regional Base Services Contractor'.
Method of Work Plan for Airfield Activities (MOWP)	Clauses 1.1, 2.8(b)(iii), 7.8, Contract Particulars and Special Conditions	Amendments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> delete the previous Special Conditions relating to the MOWP and Operating Airfield and insert a new clause 7.8 relating to the MOWP and operating airfield requirements; the definition of 'Project Plans' to include the MOWP if clause 7.8 applies; provide that Site access during the Planning Phase will be contingent upon finalisation of the MOWP, if clause 7.8 applies; and consequential amendments, including to definitions and Contract Particulars.
Contractor's Monthly Report	Clauses 3.10(d)(iii) and (v) and paragraph (f)	Amendments to require the Contractor to provide additional work health and safety details and information in its monthly report.
Salvaged Materials	Clause 8.25	Amendment to provide that all materials salvaged from the Site or from the Works are the property of the Contractor unless, in addition to an express statement in the Contract to the contrary or as directed by the Contract Administrator, necessary to comply with a Defence Requirement.
Environmentally Sustainable Procurement	Clauses 1.1 and 18.18	Amendments to reflect updates to the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy, including to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> require the Contractor to use the ESP Policy Reporting Template for "Construction Services" and, if applicable, the ESP Policy Reporting Template for "Products" when completing and submitting its report under clause 18.18(f); and consequential amendments, including the insertion of new definitions and the removal of definitions for terms no longer used.
Australian Skills Guarantee	Clauses 1.1 and 18.19	Amendments to reflect updates to the Australian Skills Guarantee Procurement Connected Policy, including to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> require the Contractor to submit a Skills Guarantee Report via the Skills Guarantee Online Reporting System (rather than using the previous Skills Guarantee Reporting Worksheet);

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> require the Contractor to submit Skills Guarantee Reports at the intervals specified by the Skills Guarantee Online Reporting System, provided that if no such intervals are specified then the intervals in paragraphs (e)(i) to (iii) apply; and consequential amendments, including the insertion of new definitions and the removal of definitions for terms no longer used.
Lessons Learnt Workshop	Clause 18.21	Amendment to insert a new clause 18.21 which provides that the Contractor must prepare for, attend and actively participate in a lessons learnt workshop to be held after Completion of the Works.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

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