

LOCAL CONTENT POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to communicate the requirements of the Port of Townsville Limited (POTL) Local Content Policy

SCOPE

This policy applies to all works and supplies tenders issued by POTL with an estimated value in excess of \$100,000.

POLICY STATEMENT

Context

POTL believes that the use of local suppliers and contractors is beneficial to POTL as well as the wider stakeholder group, and should be encouraged wherever possible. Potential benefits to POTL of increased local content include:

- development and support of local capability which can yield future benefits;
- shortened supply lines for POTL;
- easier communication between POTL and suppliers; and
- potentially better ongoing support.

Implementation

To give effect to this policy, POTL will:

- provide full fair and reasonable opportunity for capable local businesses to participate in the supply chain for POTL projects, services and supplies;
- provide information to local businesses at an early stage to maximise the potential for local sourcing opportunities; all tenders will be advertised on the QTender website and in Townsville local print media;
- consider local business capabilities during the development of contract scopes to enhance local content outcomes and economic returns;
- ensure that all tenderers are aware of POTL local content policy and that these are appropriately reflected in the tenderer's sub-contracting and purchasing strategies;
- commercially evaluate competitive tenders on the basis of multiple factors including health, safety, security, environment, cost, quality, capacity to deliver and social performance criteria;
- give preference to those tenders that maximise local content where comparative tenders are commercially competitive and technically acceptable;
- wherever relevant, consider whole-of-life cost of supplied goods, not only acquisition cost; and
- where the estimated value of the tender exceeds \$250,000, the tenderer will be required to submit a Local Participation Plan as part of the tender.

Accountability

Accountability for the application of this policy lies with the General Manager – Infrastructure and Planning, in conjunction with specific project teams.

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