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Purpose

The Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) aims to increase economic opportunities and participation for Indigenous businesses and communities in Queensland. By promoting procurement from Indigenous-owned and operated businesses, the government seeks to support economic development, create employment opportunities, and foster sustainable growth within Indigenous communities.

Scope

This policy applies to all Queensland Government departments, agencies, and entities involved in procurement activities. It encompasses the sourcing of goods, services, and construction projects, regardless of value or procurement method.

Principles

The IPP is guided by the following principles:

- a) **Economic Empowerment:** Supporting Indigenous businesses to build capacity, create jobs, and generate wealth within Indigenous communities.
- b) **Collaboration and Partnership:** Fostering partnerships between government agencies, Indigenous businesses, industry associations, and other stakeholders to facilitate procurement opportunities.
- c) **Fairness and Transparency:** Ensuring fair and equitable treatment of all suppliers, with transparent processes that promote competition and value for money.
- d) **Cultural Respect:** Recognising and respecting the cultural heritage, knowledge, and practices of Indigenous peoples in procurement activities.
- e) **Accountability and Reporting:** Establishing mechanisms to monitor, evaluate, and report on the implementation and outcomes of the IPP.

Objectives

The key objectives of the IPP are to:

- a) **Increase Indigenous Business Participation:** Set targets for Indigenous procurement expenditure and actively seek opportunities to engage Indigenous businesses in government procurement processes.
- b) **Build Capability and Capacity:** Provide support, training, and resources to assist Indigenous businesses in accessing and competing for government contracts.
- c) **Foster Economic Development:** Encourage the growth and sustainability of Indigenous businesses through procurement opportunities, including subcontracting and supplier development initiatives.



- d) **Promote Social Inclusion:** Create pathways for Indigenous employment, skills development, and economic participation through government procurement activities.
- e) **Drive Innovation and Excellence:** Recognise and promote the unique capabilities, products, and services offered by Indigenous businesses, fostering innovation and best practice in procurement.

Implementation

To achieve the objectives of the IPP, the following measures will be implemented:

- a) **Set Targets:** Establish targets for Indigenous procurement expenditure, regularly reviewed and updated in consultation with stakeholders.
- b) **Supplier Diversity:** Encourage government buyers to consider Indigenous businesses in procurement decisions, including mandatory consideration for contracts below specified thresholds.
- c) **Capability Development:** Provide training, mentoring, and business support services to build the capacity of Indigenous businesses to compete for government contracts.
- d) **Indigenous Participation Plans:** Require government agencies to develop and implement Indigenous Participation Plans for significant procurement projects, outlining strategies to maximise Indigenous participation and outcomes.
- e) **Reporting and Evaluation:** Establish reporting mechanisms to monitor Indigenous procurement expenditure, track progress against targets, and evaluate the effectiveness of the IPP in achieving its objectives.

Compliance and Review

Government agencies are responsible for ensuring compliance with the IPP and integrating its principles into procurement policies, procedures, and practices. Regular reviews and evaluations will be conducted to assess the impact and effectiveness of the IPP, with adjustments made as necessary to achieve its objectives and address emerging priorities and challenges.

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