

Employment, supply and subcontracting opportunities—Frequently asked questions

What services, plant and equipment will be required for the project?

Over the next 10 months, various work packages will be released by the Marine Structures Contractor, Waterway Constructions (Waterways), for individuals and businesses interested in providing services, plant and equipment to the project including:

- civil and structural engineering and inspections
- licensed asbestos removal and disposal
- steelworks fabrication
- concrete pumping
- heavy haulage
- weld inspection and non-destructive testing
- waste removal and disposal, including recycling
- Franna and mobile cranes, generators, forklifts, compressors, pressure washers, power tools and hand tools
- site temporary facilities such as shipping containers, crib rooms and ablutions and temporary fencing
- nautical supplies such as rope, marker buoys, navigation lights, chain, light fendering and personal flotation devices
- safety supplies including personal protective equipment.

What work is available for individuals and companies interested in working on the project?

The following qualified tradesmen will be required by Waterways:

- steel fixers, carpenters and concrete finishers for pre-cast concrete fabrication
- boilermakers for steel fabrication works
- licenced electricians (and electrical equipment supply)
- plumbers (and piping supplies)

The following experienced workers will be required by Waterways:

- trades assistants and labourers.

All individuals must have a White Card Construction Induction training to be eligible to work on the project.

How will local businesses and individuals be able to register their interest in working on the project?

The project is working with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Nowra office (<http://www.icn.org.au/state-contact/new-south-wales>). ICN is a business network that introduces Australian companies to projects large and small. ICN is an independent organisation financially supported by state governments.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to contact ICN directly on telephone 0427 000 719 or email whirsch@icnsw.org.au

Are there any policies in place to ensure that local businesses are given opportunities to tender on the project?

The NSW Government procurement framework has policies in place to encourage engagement of small to medium-sized enterprises and Aboriginal business in construction. These are:

- NSW Government Procurement: Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Policy Framework
- Aboriginal Participation in Construction (APIC) Policy.

The requirements of each of these policies were incorporated into the tender process for stages one and two of the project. The requirements were also incorporated into the contracts with the successful tenderers.

Is there a percentage of ‘buy local’ that the project must comply with?

There is no mandatory percentage for engagement of Australian suppliers. For construction contracts valued at over \$10 million, the APIC policy recommends a mandatory minimum target spend to support Aboriginal participation of 1.5% of the total estimated value of the contract. However, the NSW Department of Industry has set the target at 2% for both the dredging contract and the wharf extension contract, in excess of the mandatory minimum target. To date, the target has been exceeded for completed components of the project.

How can I found out more about the project?

Further information about the project can be obtained by:

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