

Procurement Policy Statement

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GPC is a contributor to State, local and national economies and to the Queensland Government's social objectives. GPC's procurement approach supports this contribution through robust and ethical relationships with its suppliers. These relationships result in both parties achieving desired outcomes, including maximising value for money and minimising the risks associated with the procurement of goods and services.

Our procurement practices sit within a framework of compliance with laws, standards, regulations and GPC's own Policies, Standards and Procedures. The methods employed are transparent, fair and unbiased, and underpinned by principles of honesty and integrity. These methods seek to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the procurement process.

Objectives

While designed to achieve favourable economic life terms, more importantly our procurement approach aims to ensure that GPC operations are conducted in a safe, environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. We are committed to an approach to the procurement of goods and services that:

1. ensures we not only understand our needs, but also the markets and our suppliers who serve them; this provides us with the capability to deliver better outcomes and drive value for money
2. supports local industry participation, through full, fair and reasonable opportunities for local businesses to tender for provision of GPC goods and services
3. advances the Government's economic, environmental and social objectives and supports the long-term wellbeing of our community
4. provides stakeholders and the community with confidence in our management of procurement
5. sees us undertake our procurement with integrity, ensuring accountability for outcomes.

Conformance and performance

Our procurement policies and plans are framed against the requirements of law and drive probity and accountability outcomes. Our processes and work instructions dictate the actions to be taken to ensure these outcomes are achieved – all procurement activities must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of these documents. Jointly, this suite of documents guides our performance and is the toolset by which we measure the effective achievement of our Objectives. They enable us to:

1. assess our procurement capability and performance and through assessment bring improvements to procurement outcomes
2. integrate Government initiatives into the procurement of goods, services and construction
3. consider how best to incorporate Government policies concerning regional and industry development, employment and training that impact on procurement
4. achieve compliance and consistency with other Government obligations and legislation
5. promote procurement opportunities for local industry through various means, including by publishing and maintaining information on the Queensland Government Chief Procurement Office's eTender website
6. ensure that decision-making throughout the procurement lifecycle is defensible and that through the development and implementation of procedures to address complaints and concerns raised by suppliers and / or members of the community, transparency is demonstrated.

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited maintains and updates governance documentation triennially, or at shorter intervals where required by legislation, operational imperatives or where other changes require.

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