



Procurement Reform Program

June 2022



Each year, the ACT Government spends close to \$1.5 billion on procurements that support the delivery of quality public services, infrastructure, economic growth, and community wellbeing.

Continuous improvement and review of our procurement framework is critical to ensuring that Government expenditure is conducted with transparency, fairness and rigour; and achieves value for money in alignment with community values.

Over the next three years, the ACT Government will deliver a program of work to reform the procurement framework supporting government business, our economy and our community. This program is underpinned by three main commitments - increasing transparency, streamlining processes, and providing greater support - as outlined in this document.

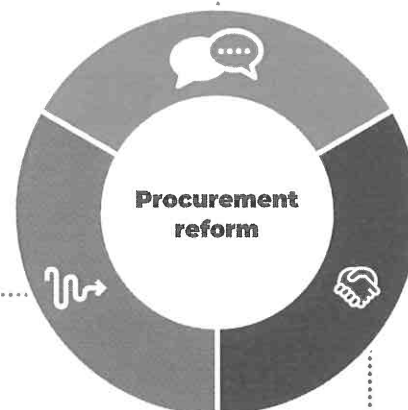
To stay up-to-date with information relating to the program, visit procurement.act.gov.au.

The Procurement Reform Program will ensure ACT Government procurement continues to deliver transparent, supported and streamlined outcomes. The Program provides more transparent opportunities for industry and local businesses to work with the ACT Government. It supports the capability of

our workforce through enhanced training and development programs so that the ACT Government remains an employer of choice for procurement professionals. And it also streamlines processes to foster innovation and timely procurement outcomes.

Transparent

Evidence-based procurement decisions conducted with probity that can withstand scrutiny



Streamlined

Procurement legislative/policy framework, process and templates are efficient, and facilitate timely outcomes

Supported

Clear roles coupled with consistently accurate, timely, practical and customer-focused services to support Territory Entities and suppliers through all phases in the procurement lifecycle



Commitment:

Evidence-based procurement decisions conducted with probity that can withstand scrutiny.

We will invest in our people. Procurement capability is more than just delivering training on our government procurement framework; it is about ensuring the people, resources, processes and systems are aligned to support all procurement activity and deliver successful procurement outcomes.

We will promote procurement as a skilled profession and invest in professional development through the Procurement Capability Framework and associated strategy. This will support our procurement workforce with the necessary skills and ensure it is agile and able to respond to emerging trends. It will also support the development of our next generation of procurement professionals.

We will integrate our procurement ICT systems to enhance opportunities to obtain and utilise data to make informed decisions and provide a sound assurance framework.



Commitment:

Clear roles coupled with consistently accurate, timely, practical and customer-focused services to support Territory Entities and suppliers through all phases in the procurement lifecycle.

We want to support our local industries and businesses to seek opportunities to work with the ACT Government. As a matter of priority, the ACT Government will provide enhanced training and tools to assist businesses to navigate the requirements to tender for work. We will revitalise our web presence and develop a supplier portal to ensure easy access to relevant information.

We will also develop a whole-of-government panel management policy to support a consistent approach to help ensure equity in supplier selection and more frequent refreshing of arrangements to allow for new businesses to join these panels.





Commitment:

Procurement legislative/policy framework, process and templates are efficient, and facilitate timely outcomes.




The procurement framework is governed by the Government Procurement Act 2001 and associated regulation. We will continue to work to refresh our legislation, so it meets contemporary needs and promotes innovation. We will also streamline procurement policies, to better align them with the procurement values and international trade arrangements, making procurement processes more efficient.

The time that it takes to contract has a flow on effect on local industry and businesses and their ability to plan for work. The Procurement Reform Program will streamline internal processes and templates commensurate with the scale, scope and risk of the procurement to ensure consistency and reduce complexity.

Immediate actions to 30 Sep 2022




 <p>Transparent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in our people - ACT Government Procurement Capability Strategy Enhancing our data and systems through the delivery of a design and implementation roadmap to deliver an integrated procurement ICT system
 <p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting procurement through the delivery of an Accreditation Framework and tiered service delivery model to ensure the consistency and effectiveness of procurement processes Supporting Business to work with the ACT Government a series of e-Learning modules will be releases on areas such as accessing early tender notices and tendering to win ACT Government work Undertaking a Review of existing panel/standing offer arrangements to ensure equitable access and consistent management

Short term actions to 31 Dec 2022



 <p>Transparent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in our people through the delivery of role appropriate training for our procurement workforce Enhancing our data capabilities through the introduction of a Whole-of-Government unique identifier for procurements.
 <p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching the Accreditation Framework Supporting Businesses to access information through an ACT Government supplier portal Launching the ACT Government Panel Management Framework
 <p>Streamlined</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing a review of the <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> and the <i>Government Procurement Regulation 2007</i> Completing the Procurement Process Streamlining Project

Medium term actions to 31 Dec 2023

Subject to resourcing decisions, commence work on initiatives that require additional resources

 <p>Transparent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investing in our people through the delivery of an ACTPS-wide program of training Mandatory adoption of ACT Government Capability Framework
 <p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Territory entities work towards expected accreditation
 <p>Streamlined</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review policies for consistency with the Procurement Values Direction Finalising the Template Improvement Project Amend <i>Government Procurement Act 2001</i> and <i>Government Procurement Regulation 2007</i>

Long term actions to 30 June 2025

 <p>Transparent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the roadmap for the modernised procurement solution
 <p>Supported</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the roll-out of accreditation, tiered service delivery and expanded services for probity and contract management (31 March 2024)