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## **Contingent Workforce Prequalification Scheme**

Version 3.16



## Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples and Traditional Custodians of Australia, and the oldest continuing culture in human history. We pay respect to Elders past and present and commit to respecting the lands we walk on, and the communities we walk with. We celebrate the deep and enduring connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country and acknowledge their continuing custodianship of the land, seas and sky. We acknowledge the ongoing stewardship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the important contribution they make to our communities and economies. We reflect on the continuing impact of government policies and practices and recognise our responsibility to work together with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, families and communities, towards improved economic, social and cultural outcomes.

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-	Added additional wording to further clarify "Salary package" definition.
_	Clause 4.2 (h) replaced "Transport Asset Holding Entity" with "Transport Asset Manager" as requested by Transport for NSW
_	Clause 5.5 removed reference to Standard Form of Agreement
_	Clause 18.1 replaced reference to "NSW Government Code of Practice for Procurement" with "NSW Government Supplier Code of Conduct".
-	Clause 28.14 replaced reference to "NSW Government Procurement: Small and Medium Enterprises Policy Framework" with "NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy".
_	Deleted Clause 28.15 referring to NSWG savings targets for 2012.
_	Deleted Clause 28.16 regarding NSWG removing management fee from State Contracts in 2012
_	Annexure 1 – updated link for applications to SCM0007
_	Annexure 6 – various role types updated Annexure 7 – as requested by Transport for NSW:
	<ul> <li>Clause AC1.1 - replaced reference to "Transport Asset Holding Entity" with "Transport Asset Manager".</li> </ul>
	Updated Transport for NSW Code of Conduct.

## **RULES OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS SCHEME**

## 1. About these Rules

- **1.1** The terms that apply to the Supplier's participation in this Scheme are set out in:
  - (a) clauses 1 to 31 of these Rules;
  - (b) the Master Services described in Schedule 4;
  - (c) the Dictionary;
  - (d) the terms and conditions for an engagement by a Customer ("Customer Order") in Schedule 2.
  - (e) the Application Form in Schedule 1 submitted by the Supplier and accepted by the Principal Representative,

(together, the "Scheme").

**1.2** If there is any inconsistency between any parts of this Scheme, then the part listed higher prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

## 2. Supply of Services

#### 2.1 Purpose of the Scheme

- **2.1.1** The purpose of the Contingent Workforce Scheme established by the Principal is so that an Eligible Customer may at any time issue a Customer Order to a Supplier for Services in accordance with the Rules and any Ordering Process set out in a Customer Order placed with the Supplier.
- **2.1.2** The Customer may seek potential Contingent Workers from multiple Suppliers on the Scheme for a placement on a non-exclusive basis, but Suppliers acknowledge that only one Supplier will receive a Customer Order for any placement of a Contingent Worker.
- **2.1.3** This Scheme is only open to Recruitment Organisations with the exception of suppliers applying for categories M.

#### 2.2 Objective

**2.2.1** The objective of this Scheme is to provide a quality contingent workforce that is effectively and efficiently managed and co-ordinated across government. This Scheme will see the implementation of systems and processes to manage appropriate buying behaviours aligned with Government workforce planning objectives. It will capture information associated with the NSW Government's use of contingent workers with the aim to reduce cost and improve candidate quality.

#### 2.3 Orders

- **2.3.1** Each Customer Order placed in accordance with these Rules will create a separate Customer Order
- **2.3.2** The terms and conditions of the standard Customer Order between the Supplier and the Customer for the supply of the Services will be agreed on the Customer Order.

#### 2.4 Not used

### 2.5 No exclusivity or minimum Orders

- **2.5.1** The Supplier acknowledges that:
  - (a) it is not the exclusive Supplier of the Services, or services similar to the Services and, at the date of establishment of the Scheme, the Principal discloses that the following

whole of government arrangements are in place for services similar to the Services described in the Master Services Schedule:

- (i) NSW Government Performance and Management Services Scheme and consultancy panels in general;
- (ii) ICT Services Scheme and any future contract or agreement; and
- (iii) Executive Search Scheme and any future contract or agreement.
- (b) they may not be invited to participate in a competitive process for the supply of services (including the Services) and that a Customer is under no obligation to place any Orders or acquire any minimum quantity of Services.

#### 2.6 Amendments to the Scheme

- **2.6.1** The Scheme rules may be amended periodically by the Department as required.
- **2.6.2** Suppliers must ensure they comply with the most recent version of the Scheme Rules which are available to view or download at <u>https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme</u>.
- **2.6.3** Suppliers will be notified via email of amendments to the Scheme rules.
- **2.6.4** Suppliers may withdraw from the Scheme at any time by notice in writing to the Director Human and Professional Services at contingentlabour@treasury.nsw.gov.au.

#### 2.7 Scope of Categories

- **2.7.1** The scope of Categories is outlined at Annexure 6. Types of work that are NOT within the scope of the proposed Scheme are those that are included in:
  - (a) NSW Government Performance and Management Services Scheme and consultancy panels in general;
  - (b) ICT Services Scheme and any future contract or agreement; and
  - (c) Executive Search Scheme and any future contract or agreement.

#### 2.8 Range and Depth of Contingent Worker(s)

- **2.8.1** This Scheme is for the provision of Contingent Worker(s) and is intended to be used when temporary use of Contingent Worker(s) is required. As a minimum and to assist with classification and reporting of placements, the Scheme includes the Categories as listed in Annexure 6.
- **2.8.2** All Categories will be available to all Suppliers provided that they can service one or more of the listed Category(s) and must be able to substantially provide the role types within the respective Category(s) ensuring talent pool quality and size. Applications will be accepted for one or more Categories. Once on the Scheme, Suppliers will be able to apply for additional Categories if not all Categories are awarded to them.
- **2.8.3** Role types (listed in Annexure 6) are not exhaustive within each Category and, therefore, any and all other Contingent Worker(s) utilised, irrespective of whether they fit into a specific Category or not, are included under the terms of this Scheme.
- **2.8.4** Accordingly, the Principal reserves the right to include additional Contingent Worker role types within the Categories under this Scheme which will be subject to the same terms and conditions of this Scheme. Alternatively, during the period of the Scheme, Suppliers may apply to the Principal Representative for additional role types to be included under this Scheme. If accepted these additional role types will also be subject to the same terms and conditions of this Scheme.
- **2.8.5** Similarly, additional Categories that may be added during the period of the Scheme will also be subject to the same terms and conditions of this Scheme.
- **2.8.6** The re-engagement of Public Sector Employees will be dealt with as per Master Services clause 1.2.4 and Annexure 9.

#### 2.9 Vendor Management System

**2.9.1** The Principal may implement a Vendor Management System (VMS) in relation to the engagement of Contingent Workers by Eligible Customers. It is anticipated that the VMS selected will be accessed via the internet by both Eligible Customer and the Supplier. All Suppliers on this Scheme agree to work with the VMS at no additional cost to the Customer. All Suppliers agree to accept recipient created tax invoices (RCTI).

#### 2.10 Managed Service Provider

- **2.10.1** The Principal proposes to implement a panel of Managed Service Providers (MSP) arrangement. All Suppliers agree to work with the MSP where requested by the Principal Representative or an Eligible Customer at no additional cost to the Customer.
- **2.10.2** If the Supplier is successfully engaged as an MSP by a Customer, the Supplier must agree to transition any and all Contingent Worker(s) from that Customer prior to commencing as the MSP for that Customer. Transition will occur as per Annexure 5.

#### 2.11 Payroll Services Provider

**2.11.1** The Principal proposes to implement a Payroll Provider arrangement. All Suppliers agree to work with the Payroll Provider where requested by the Principal Representative or an Eligible Customer at no additional cost to the Customer.

#### 2.12 Record and Contingent Worker Database Management

- **2.12.1** Suppliers are required to submit monthly reports in the format as outlined in Annexure 2. Monthly reports must be received by the Prequalification Scheme: Contingent Workforce contract officer by the tenth (10th) calendar day of every month.
- 2.12.2 Suppliers should maintain a comprehensive record and Contingent Worker database for all registered Contingent Worker(s), current placements as well as placement history and Customer details. Record management processes must comply with privacy legislation. Access to this data may be required by the NSW Government during the Scheme and should be granted by Supplier, subject to any legislative data and privacy requirements being met.

#### 2.13 Financial Capacity and Stability

**2.13.1** Suppliers seeking admission to the Scheme must be financially viable and demonstrate a record of financial viability over a 3-year period immediately prior to their Application for entry to the Scheme and/or meet any necessary financial security provisions requested by the Principal Representative. The Supplier must be able to provide uninterrupted payment of Contingent Workers' entitlements engaged for the purposes of this Scheme. The Principal reserves the right to audit Supplier's financial records prior to acceptance to the Scheme and for verification purposes during the course of the Scheme.

#### 2.14 Supplier Forums

- **2.14.1** The Department will regularly engage with the Suppliers through Supplier forums to provide updates on the four pillars. The presentation slides will be made available on the Buy.NSW website.
- **2.14.2** An Industry Briefing was held on 16 September 2022 to provide information about the Contingent Workforce Prequalification Scheme. The presentation slides are available on the Buy.NSW website <u>https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme</u>.

## 3. Confidentiality

#### 3.1 Disclosure of Confidential Information

**3.1.1** The Supplier must not disclose or make public any information or material acquired or produced in connection with any Customer Order made with a Customer for supply of the Services without the prior approval of the Customer and except for the purpose of exercising its rights or performing its obligations under that Customer Order.

#### 3.2 Disclosure to Customers

**3.2.1** Despite clause 3.1, the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that the Principal and its Representatives may make available to any Customer information and materials concerning or relating to the Supplier or its performance of any Customer Order.

#### 3.3 Disclosure

**3.3.1** Treasury and Eligible Customers may disclose certain information in connection with the Scheme in accordance with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW).

#### 3.4 Information submitted with an Application

- **3.4.1** Information submitted with an Application will be treated as confidential by NSW Government Agencies unless otherwise required by law.
- **3.4.2** Information submitted with an Application may be subject to investigation, reference checking, searches, interview, enquiries and confirmation. Applicants and Suppliers are deemed to have authorised any such action.

#### 3.5 Conflict of Interest

**3.5.1** Prior to engaging and during the engagement, the Supplier agrees to declare any Conflict of Interest.

#### 4. Insurances

- **4.1** The Supplier must obtain and thereafter maintain at its own cost comprehensive insurance policies in relation to any liability arising out of these Rules and a Customer Order.
- **4.2** Suppliers agree to hold and maintain in <u>Supplier Hub</u> the following insurance policies or such insurances at the levels specified in the Customer Order:
  - (a) Professional Indemnity insurance with an indemnity of at least \$5 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover
  - (b) Public Liability insurance with an indemnity of at least \$5 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
  - (c) Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with applicable legislation
  - (d) Rail-specific roles (Worksite Protection) require Public Liability insurance with an indemnity of at least \$100 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover. Rail-specific roles if on live rail require Public Liability of \$250 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
  - (e) Rail-specific roles (Generalised Industrial Labour) require Public Liability insurance with an indemnity of at least \$50 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover. Rail-specific roles if on live rail require Public Liability of \$250 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
  - (f) Rail-specific roles (Track Assessment) require Professional Indemnity insurance with an indemnity of at least \$10 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
  - (g) Rail-specific roles (Track Assessment) require Public Liability insurance with an indemnity of at least \$250 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover. Rail-specific roles if on live rail require Public Liability of \$250 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
  - (h) Sydney Trains, NSW TrainLink, and Transport Asset Manager of New South Wales (TAM) require all Contingent Workers to have higher levels of insurance than the Scheme standard. Suppliers agree to hold and maintain the following minimum insurance policies or such insurances at the levels specified:
    - (i) Professional Indemnity insurance with an indemnity of at least \$20 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover

- (ii) Public Liability insurance with an indemnity of at least \$20 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover
- (i) NSW State Emergency Services, category M requires minimum Public Liability of \$10 million in respect of each claim for the period of cover.
- **4.3** The Supplier must provide the Principal Representative with certificates of currency proving the currency of the insurance policies affected by it.

## 5. Applications for Prequalification

- 5.1 In applying for Scheme membership, the Applicant agrees that it accepts the Rules.
- 5.2 Applications must be complete and, in the form, prescribed in Schedule 1.
- **5.3** Applications must be delivered in accordance with the delivery instructions set out in the Application form prescribed in Schedule 1.
- **5.4** Only those Applications which fully satisfy all requirements set out in these Rules and the form prescribed in Schedule 1 will be considered by the Department.
- **5.5** Applicants agree that, if granted admission to the Scheme, the terms and conditions of any engagement will be those of the Customer Order at Schedule 2.

## 6. Supplier Fees

- 6.1.1 Suppliers agree to the following fees:
  - (a) For the first 12 months the Contingent Worker is placed a maximum of 7.05% of Contingent Worker Normal Time Pay Rate (Normal Time Base Rate plus superannuation) and:
    - (i) Floor Price is fixed at \$3.00 per hour for all Normal Time Pay Rates less than \$42.56 per hour;
    - (ii) Ceiling Price is fixed at \$15.00 per hour for all Normal Time Pay Rates greater than \$212.76 per hour; and
    - (iii) Floor Price and Ceiling Price are only effective for the first 12 months the Contingent Worker is placed; for any and all assignments longer than 12 months, clause 6.1.1(b) will apply;
  - (b) For assignments that are longer than 12 months (either via extension or original assignment, regardless of which prior placement the Contingent Worker was utilised) – the maximum fee will be 7.05% for the first 12 months as per clause 6.1.1(a) and reduce to 5.14% of Contingent Worker Normal Time Pay Rate (Normal Time Base Rate plus superannuation);
  - (c) No Floor Price will apply after the first 12 months: Supplier Fee will reduce to 5.14% of Normal Time Pay Rates;
  - (d) For a Referred Contingent Worker or transitioned/acquired Contingent Worker maximum of 5.14% of Contingent Worker Normal Time Pay Rate applies. No Floor Price will apply.
    - (i) A Contingent Worker who is placed without the involvement of Contractor Central, where implemented, will be considered a Referred Contingent Worker and a maximum of 5.14% of Contingent Worker Normal Time Pay Rate will apply.
  - (e) Workers Compensation rates in NSW are a maximum of 1.00% and in the ACT are a maximum of 1.50% for all Categories other than:
    - (i) Category D Industrial: Workers Compensation rate maximum of 8.00%
    - (ii) Category J Transport: Workers Compensation rate to be determined by Transport
    - (iii) Category L Other: Workers Compensation rate maximum of 4.00%

- (iv) Category M NSW State Emergency Services: Workers Compensation rate maximum of 8.00%
- (v) Category D ACT Industrial: Workers Compensation rate maximum of 12.00%
- (f) Fluctuations in statutory prescribed costs (payroll tax and superannuation) will be passed on at cost to the Customer.

Table 1 shows calculation examples of Supplier Fees and also represents the Application of Floor Price and Ceiling Price limit for first 12 months.

Table 1			
Contingent Worker Normal Time Hourly Pay Rate (Base Rate + Superannuation)	Supplier Fee 7.05% of Pay Rate		
\$18.50	\$3.00		
\$21.00	\$3.00		
\$25.00	\$3.00	Fixed Floor Price	
\$30.00	\$3.00		
\$40.00	\$3.00		
\$42.56	\$3.00		
\$42.57	\$3.01	7.05%	
\$50.00	\$3.53	7.05%	
\$60.00	\$4.23	7.05%	
\$70.00	\$4.94	7.05%	
\$80.00	\$5.64	7.05%	
\$90.00	\$6.32	7.05%	
\$100.00	\$7.05	7.05%	
\$150.00	\$10.58	7.05%	
\$200.00	\$14.10	7.05%	
\$212.76	\$15.00		
\$250.00	\$15.00	Fixed Ceiling Price	
\$300.00	\$15.00		

**6.1.2** Time worked by Contingent Worker(s) over and above the agreed hours must have prior written approval from the Customer. Should prior written approval not be gained, payment for any extra hours worked will not be made;

In the event the Contingent Worker attracts overtime rates for Overtime Hours, the Supplier Fee will only ever be calculated on Normal Time Base Rate;

- **6.1.3** If the initial Contingent Worker engagement is terminated for convenience under clause 24.3 and the Contingent Worker commences employment with the Customer within 12 months of the original start date, the Supplier will be entitled to charge the Customer the following contingent-to-Permanent placement fee:
  - (a) 0 90 calendar days: 7.05% of Salary Package
  - (b) 91 180 calendar days: 5.25% of Salary Package
  - (c) 181 270 calendar days: 3.50% of Salary Package
  - (d) 271 365 calendar days: 1.75% of Salary Package
  - (e) More than 365 calendar days: nil fee

For the purpose of clarity, Permanent refers to a person not employed by a Supplier and who is not paid by a Supplier.

6.1.4 A Supplier will not be entitled to a contingent-to-Permanent placement fee where:

- (a) the Contingent Worker engagement is Terminated for Breach under clause 24.2.
- (b) the Contingent Worker is a Referred Contingent Worker.
- **6.1.5** Supplier Fee will not be charged for any other entitlements or expenses (visa fees, PPE, relocation expenses, travel expenses, etc.). Any such costs must be agreed with the Customer prior to being incurred and must be invoiced to the Customer at cost.
- **6.1.6** Sub-contract arrangements are not allowed. The Supplier must engage the Contingent Worker directly; as a PAYG worker, ABN worker or via 482 Visa sponsorship.
- **6.1.7** In the case of rounding differences in the Vendor Management System (VMS) the VMS calculation will be the agreed value.
- 6.1.8 Suppliers will not be reimbursed for fees related to employment checks.

#### 6.2 Overseas Contingent Worker(s) Sourced

- **6.2.1** Where Contingent Worker(s) are sourced from overseas, Pay Rates should be in line with current Australian market rates. No additional fees are allowed for Contingent Worker(s) sourced from overseas.
- 6.2.2 Suppliers should ensure that Contingent Workers have the necessary Australian immigration permissions to work in New South Wales to perform the hours and Category of work they are being utilised for. Suppliers sponsoring Contingent Workers for placement with the NSW Government should note the requirements and procedures for sponsoring a temporary employee, for periods up to four years. Information can be found on the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs website: <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au</a>

#### 6.3 Relocations

**6.3.1** Relocation fees of any kind are to be agreed by the Customer and the Supplier prior to the engagement of the Contingent Worker(s). All relocation fees shall be at cost to the Customer and a Customer may choose to use a NSW Government contract/s that will support the relocation effort.

#### 6.4 Supplier Obligations

- 6.4.1 The Supplier as the employer of the Contingent Worker is liable for and must pay all wages, overtime, allowances, penalties, loadings and other contributions and payments required by law including, without limitation, payroll tax in accordance with applicable legislation and workers' compensation insurance, and must make all appropriate deductions from their wages in respect of income tax and as are required by law to be made.
- 6.4.2 The Supplier must, subject to clause 6.4.1:
  - (a) pay in full to the Contingent Worker the Pay Rate and all other amounts payable to the Contingent Worker under clause 6.4.1;
  - (b) not under any circumstances deduct or withhold any amount whatsoever from the amounts payable under clause 6.4.2(a); and
  - (c) not under any circumstances charge or otherwise claim from the Contingent Worker any fee or other amount in connection with the Scheme (including, for example, with respect to any administrative or similar services provided by the Supplier, as the Supplier's costs are deemed to be included in the Supplier Fee).

## 7. Quality and Qualifications of Contingent Worker(s)

- 7.1 Suppliers are required to provide high quality Contingent Worker(s) to meet the needs of Customers. Suppliers must monitor ongoing suitability and performance of the Contingent Worker(s), taking prompt and appropriate action to address any issues.
- 7.2 Skill level and requirements will be determined at the time of the Customer providing the Supplier with the specifications for Contingent Worker(s). Where a Category is Award-based, the skill level and requirements must comply with the relevant Awards or agreement. It is the

responsibility of the Supplier to advise the Customer if Award conditions apply to a particular role and specifically what they are and when they apply.

- **7.3** Customers may also specify capability requirements for certain Categories of Contingent Worker(s), for example capabilities from the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA) for Contingent Worker(s) in Information and Technology roles.
- 7.4 It is a requirement that (where practicable) Suppliers provide a maximum of three (3) Screened Contingent Workers as standard practice.
- **7.5** The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers being provided to the Customer hold the relevant licences / certificates of competency (NB: licences are specific to the type of work being performed) to perform the work the Contingent Workers are engaged for, and the Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Worker(s) is / are properly trained. The Supplier must also provide appropriate personal protective equipment for Contingent Workers (where appropriate).

## 8. Prequalification Process

- 8.1 The Department will determine the membership of the panel to be formed under the Scheme.
- **8.2** The panel to be formed under the Scheme will be composed of Suppliers who are approved to be accepted following the assessment of an Application submitted in the form prescribed in Schedule 1 and in accordance with these Rules.
- 8.3 Applications may be made at any time during the life of the Scheme.

## 9. Evaluation Criteria

- **9.1** Applications can be made for prequalification onto the Scheme at all times during the term of the Scheme.
- 9.2 Applications will be assessed according to the following evaluation criteria:
  - (a) acceptance of Rules, including acceptance of Supplier Fees, willingness to comply with system and data collection requirements;
  - (b) demonstrated financial capability by providing the last 3 year's financial statements including, as a minimum, Profit and Loss statements and Balance Sheets.
  - (c) Demonstrated Australian experience, satisfactory previous performance and Applicant referee reports; and
  - (d) meeting appropriate insurance requirements.
- 9.3 Other checks will also be undertaken, such as but not limited to:
  - (a) ACN
  - (b) ICAC
  - (c) Company Directors
- **9.4** Those who do not meet clauses 9.2 and 9.3 will be invited to re-apply and will be assessed at the next periodical meeting of the Department.

### 10. Changes to Categories

- **10.1** The Department may change a Supplier's status under the Scheme to include additional Categories where:
  - (a) the Supplier considers that it is eligible for such an upgrade; and
  - (b) the Supplier has submitted an Application for such an upgrade, including documentation and other material in support of its request.

**10.2** The Department may change a Supplier's status under the Scheme if the Supplier has requested formally in writing withdrawal from a particular Category.

## 11. Notification of Outcome

**11.1** The Department may accept an Application (with or without qualification) or reject the Application. Applicants will be notified in writing by the Office of the outcome of their Application.

## 12. Request for Review of the Decision

12.1 Should an Applicant believe that there are substantive grounds for the Department to reconsider its decision not to admit the Applicant to the Scheme, the Applicant may request a review of the decision in writing, providing full details of the reasons for the request, to:

Director - Human and Professional Services

Treasury

52 Martin Place

SYDNEY NSW 2000

**12.2** The Department will refer the matter to the Review Committee and inform the Supplier of the outcome via email.

## 13. Changes to Supplier Status

**13.1.1** Suppliers must immediately inform the Office of any significant change in their financial capacity, capability, ownership status, contact details or address by writing with full details to:

Director – Human and Professional Services

Human and Professional Services

Treasury

52 Martin Place

SYDNEY NSW 2000

or as otherwise directed by the Department.

**13.1.2** The changes notified will be reviewed and assessed by the Department as per the Scheme Rules.

### 14. Performance Reporting Behaviour

- **14.1** Supplier performance monitoring and reporting shall be conducted in accordance with the following principles:
  - (a) both the Customer and Supplier (the Parties) aim to achieve continuous performance improvement;
  - (b) performance reporting is the tool used to facilitate the identification and resolution of issues;
  - (c) performance reporting becoming the responsibility of both Parties;
  - (d) performance being on the agenda at regular formal meetings;
  - (e) performance issues being promptly addressed by the Parties concerned;
  - (f) performance issues being discussed openly with the Supplier to ensure that concerns (such as dissatisfaction with performance) do not come as a surprise when subsequently documented in any relevant Performance Report;

- (g) assessment of the Supplier's performance should take account of individual behaviour when necessary to highlight performance problems for resolution; and
- (h) a proactive approach to initiating and encouraging communication by either Party to discuss performance and performance reporting matters, including making arrangements for formal performance reporting consultation meetings.

#### 14.2 Management Information and Reporting

- 14.2.1 Suppliers are required to record information and provide periodic and ad hoc electronic management reports based on parameters specified by the Principal Representative (specific data fields, definitions and reporting format) to Customers and the Department at no additional cost to the NSW Government. Hard copy reports will also be provided to Customers, if requested.
- **14.2.2** Annexure 2 is a sample of the required reporting format which, as a minimum, must be provided by Suppliers by the 10th calendar day of every month. Other management reports may be required in addition to this minimum requirement.
- **14.2.3** Annexure 3 is a list of additional documents and reports which may be requested under the Scheme.
- **14.2.4** Failure to provide accurate and timely reporting may result in removal from the Scheme as outlined at Clause 18, 19 and 20 of the Scheme.

#### 14.3 Customer Service Quality

- **14.3.1** Suppliers are required to provide high quality customer service suitable to the needs of the Customers of this Scheme and meet the KPIs as set out in Annexure 4. KPIs and customer service satisfaction shall be monitored by the Principal Representative and will inform decisions about continued participation in the Scheme.
- **14.3.2** The Supplier must have appropriately qualified and experienced Consultants dedicated to meet the range of Recruitment requirements and should be dedicated to service this Scheme. Consultants must:
  - (a) Confirm / verify when a Customer Order has been fulfilled (preferably via email), or where required by the Principal Representative, using a specified system such as a Vendor Management System;
  - (b) Facilitate, where applicable, employment checks, Working with Children checks (refer to Clause 28.9 and 28.10), medical checks etc. prior to Contingent Worker(s) commencement; and
  - (c) Consult with Customers to determine suitability and performance of Contingent Worker(s) placed and resolve suitability and performance matters to the satisfaction of the Customer.
- **14.3.3** Suppliers should note that customer service will be measured and managed under this Scheme. Please refer to Annexure 4 Key Performance Indicators.

### 15. Monitoring Performance

- **15.1.1** A Customer must submit a Performance Report in the form prescribed in Schedule 3 to the Prequalification Scheme: Contingent Workforce contract officer where:
  - (a) the performance of, and the Services provided by, the Supplier are considered by the Customer to be unsatisfactory; or
  - (b) the performance of the Contingent Worker(s) provided by the Supplier are considered by the Customer to be unsatisfactory.
- **15.1.2** The Performance Report is to be submitted at the completion or termination of the relevant engagement.

## 16. Poor Performance Reporting Process

- **16.1.1** The Customer will be responsible for the preparation of Performance Reports.
- **16.1.2** When a Performance Report is prepared, the Customer shall forward the original to the Contract Officer of the Prequalification Scheme: Contingent Workforce for entry into the Department's database.
- **16.1.3** The Prequalification Scheme: Contingent Workforce Contract Officer from the Department:
  - (a) will forward the Report to the Supplier;
  - (b) may arrange a meeting between Supplier and the Customer to discuss and consider the Performance Report and liaise with both Parties to attempt to resolve the issue
    - or in aggregate once a trend of similar performance issues is identified (excepting if the issue relates to potential suspension or removal from the Scheme) and reasons;
  - (c) will determine the disagreement in consultation;
  - (d) will look for consistent non-conformance types;
  - (e) will notify the Supplier of its decision; and
  - (f) will use the Performance Report to aggregate similar performance issues.

## 17. Dispute Resolution

- **17.1.1** For any dispute arising under this Agreement:
  - (a) both parties will try in good faith to settle the dispute by negotiation;
  - (b) if unresolved, the party claiming that that there is a dispute will give the other party a notice setting out the details of the dispute;
  - (c) within five (5) consecutive Business Days, each party may (if applicable) nominate a senior Representative not having prior direct involvement in the dispute;
  - (d) the senior Representatives will try in good faith to settle the dispute by negotiation; and
  - (e) failing settlement within a further 10 Business Days, where the Service Provider is a small business (being an Australian or New Zealand-based firm that has an annual turnover of under
  - (f) \$2 million in the latest financial year) the parties will be required to commence alternative dispute resolution through the office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner. The dispute should not be subject to proceedings before a court until the Small Business Commissioner has certified in writing that the parties' participation in the dispute resolution process has not resolved the dispute. The Commissioner's certificate will be structured to inform the Court whether the parties participated in the dispute process, if a party did not participate or if the matter was only partly resolved through the process;
  - (g) where the Service Provider is not a small business, and failing settlement within a further 10 Business Days, the parties agree to appoint a mediator from the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre (ACDC) to conduct a mediation to resolve the dispute. The parties agree that the dispute will not be subject to proceedings before a court until the mediator appointed by the parties has certified in writing that the parties' participation in the dispute resolution process has not resolved the dispute. The mediator's certificate will be structured to inform the Court whether the parties participated in the dispute process, if a party did not participate or if the matter was only partly resolved through the process.
- **17.1.2** The parties will each bear their own costs for dispute resolution. Despite the existence of a dispute, the Service Provider will (unless requested in writing by the Client not to do so) continue performance under the Agreement.

**17.1.3** The procedure for dispute resolution does not apply to action relating to termination or to legal proceedings for urgent interlocutory relief.

### 18. Performance Management

- **18.1** NSW Procurement will manage the performance of Suppliers by:
  - (a) monitoring performance on tendering, financial capability, NSW Government Supplier Code of Conduct compliance, contract performance and project outputs and outcomes;
  - (b) applying sanctions such as temporary suspension from the Scheme, where performance is deemed unsatisfactory;
  - (c) revoking a Supplier's membership to the Scheme following due consideration of the circumstances, where performance is determined to be unsatisfactory;
  - (d) providing the opportunity for a Supplier to request a review of the decisions referred in paragraphs (b) and (c) above.

#### 18.2 Sanctions

**18.2.1** Sanctions may be imposed where the Service Provider, an employee or any person acting on behalf of the Service Provider engages in conduct that is misleading or deceptive or is likely to mislead or deceive an Agency as to the Service Provider's prequalification status or capabilities; for breach of Scheme rule; for fraudulent behaviour or for poor performance.

#### 18.3 Relationship Management

- **18.3.1** The Supplier must allocate an experienced and knowledgeable Relationship Manager as a single point of contact for the Principal Representative to appropriately address any performance management related matters raised by the Principal Representative and/or by Customers.
- **18.3.2** The Relationship Manager will also be required to attend regular meetings between the Supplier and the Principal Representative as required.
- **18.3.3** The Supplier's Relationship Manager must be able to fulfil all requirements as outlined at clauses 12 and 13 of the Rules. It should be noted that the Performance Reports noted in these clauses will assist the Department in evaluating KPI 7 (see Annexure 4).

### 19. Temporary Suspension from the Scheme

- **19.1.1** NSW Procurement may suspend a Supplier from the Scheme for up to three (3) months if it considers the Supplier has:
  - (a) Not complied with the requirements of the Scheme Rules; or
  - (b) Demonstrated unsatisfactory performance
  - (c) Not complied with KPIs
- **19.1.2** Before a Supplier's membership on the Scheme is suspended under Clause 19.1.1, NSW Procurement will advise the Supplier via email of the matters prompting the proposed action and will give the Supplier the opportunity to provide reasons as to why its membership should not be suspended.
- **19.1.3** NSW Procurement will advise the Supplier of the reasons for the suspension and of any actions by the Supplier required to lift the suspension. A Supplier that has been suspended from the Scheme must inform NSW Procurement if and when the actions required to lift the suspension have been undertaken.
- **19.1.4** NSW Procurement will regularly review the status of Suppliers who have been suspended under clause 18.1. If the action taken by the Supplier is considered by NSW Procurement to be insufficient, the suspension period may be extended and the Supplier will be notified accordingly. NSW Procurement may revoke the suspension if it is satisfied that the Supplier has taken appropriate action to address the reasons for suspension.

## 20. Removal from the Scheme

- **20.1.1** NSW Procurement may revoke a Supplier's membership on the Scheme if it considers that a Supplier's performance is unsatisfactory, the Supplier has not complied with relevant policies and laws or the Supplier is in breach of the Scheme Rules, including but not limited to, if the Supplier has:
  - (a) provided false or misleading information with their Application to the Scheme; or
  - (b) breached any of the Scheme Conditions; or
  - (c) failed to meet applicable financial requirements; or
  - (d) been the subject of substantiated reports of unsatisfactory performance for other Customers; or
  - (e) been determined by the Department as not suitable for future work; or
  - (f) provided unsatisfactory performance with contracts under the Scheme; or
  - (g) experienced a Material Adverse Event; or
  - (h) otherwise failed to meet the standards required of the Scheme in terms of its project outcomes, business management systems, client satisfaction and ethical business practices; or
  - (i) engaged or engages in activities that contravene or circumvent the requirements of the Scheme Rules; or
  - (j) refused to supply Services to a Customer without reasonable grounds for such refusal; or
  - (k) breached the NSW Government Code of Practice for Procurement.
- **20.1.2** Before a Supplier's membership on the Scheme is revoked under section 20.1.1, NSW Procurement will advise the Supplier via email of the matters prompting the proposed action and will give the Supplier the opportunity to provide reasons as to why its membership should not be revoked.
- **20.1.3** The Supplier may, at any time after the establishment of the relevant Scheme:
  - (a) Discontinue its participation in that Scheme on 90 days' notice to NSW Procurement
    - (i) After a Supplier has discontinued its membership on the Scheme, Customer Orders will be transitioned as per Annexure 5.
- **20.1.4** Orders placed prior to a Supplier having discontinued its membership on the Scheme must be fulfilled, provided that the Customer may cancel or terminate or transition the Customer Order at the Customer's option without liability.
- 20.1.5 Survival
  - (a) Clauses 3 and 29 survive a Supplier having discontinued its membership on the Scheme (for any reason) and the Supplier's participation in a Scheme.

## 21. Re-Application Process

- **21.1.1** Suppliers who are removed from the Scheme as per Clause 19 can re-apply for admittance to the Scheme after 12 months from the date of removal.
- **21.1.2** During the Removal Period, no new Customer Orders can be entered into.
- **21.1.3** Customer Orders that expire during the Removal Period will be dealt with as per Annexure 5.

## 22. Request for Review of Decision to Suspend or Revoke Membership

**22.1.1** Where a Supplier considers that there are substantive grounds for the NSW Procurement to reconsider its decisions for suspension or revocation, the Supplier may, within 20 days from

the letter or email advising of the original decision, request a review of the decision in writing, by emailing full details of the reasons for the request for review to:

Director – Human and Professional Services Treasury 52 Martin Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000

**22.1.2** NSW Procurement will refer the matter to the Department for review and inform the Supplier of the outcome via email.

### 23. Disclaimer

- **23.1.1** NSW Procurement and the Department reserve the absolute discretion to:
  - (a) accept an Application with or without limitations and/or conditions;
  - (b) reject an Application; and
  - (c) suspend or revoke a Supplier's membership to the Scheme.
- **23.1.2** In exercising their discretion, NSW Procurement and the Department or personally its members will not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by the Supplier.

#### 24. Termination

#### 24.1 Scheme

The Scheme can be terminated with 90 days' notice at the sole discretion of NSW Procurement by posting a Scheme Termination Notice on buy.nsw.gov.au.

#### 24.2 Termination for breach

The Customer may terminate a Customer Order, by written notice to the Supplier effective immediately:

- (a) where proceedings or investigations are commenced or threatened by the Independent Commission Against Corruption or similar public body against the Supplier or Contingent Worker including, but not limited to, corrupt conduct or collusive pricing;
- (b) where the Supplier or Contingent Worker has been involved with any fraudulent activity;
- (c) where the Supplier commits a substantial breach of the Customer Order that is not capable of remedy;
- (d) where the Supplier commits a substantial breach of the Customer Order in a manner that is capable of remedy and does not remedy the breach within 7 days of receiving a notice from the Customer requiring it to do so, or such further time as the Customer may reasonably allow;
- (e) where the Supplier assigns its rights and/or obligations, or subcontracts the Customer Order otherwise than in accordance with the Customer Order;
- (f) in the case of the Supplier's insolvency;
- (g) where the Supplier has been temporarily suspended from the Scheme in accordance with clause 18 or clause 19 or removed from the Scheme in accordance with clause 20; or Scheme Conditions SCM0007.
- (h) where the Supplier, or any Contingent Workers, has breached the Customer's Code of Conduct;
- (i) where the Supplier, or any Contingent Workers, has breached the Customer's Drug and Alcohol Policy;
- **24.2.2** If the Customer terminates a Customer Order in accordance with clause 24.2 above, the Customer:

- (a) may procure from any other source a reasonably similar alternative to the Services suitable to the Customer and the Supplier shall be liable to the Customer for any reasonable extra expense incurred together with any loss sustained by the Customer;
- (b) shall be liable under the Customer Order to pay only for the Services delivered and accepted by the Customer or performed to the satisfaction of the Customer, in accordance with the Customer Order;
- (c) may recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss or damage suffered by the Customer as a result of the termination; and /or
- (d) will be entitled to recover from the Supplier any costs associated with transitioning to another supplier in accordance with Annexure 5 Code of Conduct including.

#### 24.3 Termination for Convenience

- **24.3.1** The Customer may terminate any Customer Order in whole or in part for its convenience by giving notice ("Notice") as detailed in the Customer Order, with effect from the date stated in the Notice, and without the need to provide reasons.
- **24.3.2** If the Customer terminates a Customer Order in accordance with clause 24.3.1, the Customer:
  - (a) shall be liable under the Customer Order to pay only for the Services delivered and accepted by the Customer or performed to the satisfaction of the Customer, in accordance with the Customer Order up to the date of termination;
  - (b) may be liable to pay a temporary-to-Permanent placement fee under clause 6.1.3; and
  - (c) will not be liable to the Supplier for any other claim or amount suffered by the Supplier in respect of termination of the Customer Order, including in respect of any consequential loss or loss of profits.

## 25. Publicity

**25.1.1** Suppliers must not advertise, promote or publicise in any form their admission to the Scheme without the written consent of the Department.

## 26. Review and Development of the Scheme

**26.1.1** The Scheme will be monitored by the Department to assess whether the objectives and intent of the Scheme are being met. Modifications may be made at the Department's discretion during the life of the Scheme.

## 27. Compliance with Relevant Legislation and Standards

- 27.1.1 In addition to any relevant legislation and standards not specified here, Suppliers must comply with the work health and safety requirements in the performance of this Scheme and any Codes of Practice, approved and issued pursuant to the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 Act and/or regulation made under the Act.
- **27.1.2** The Supplier must take reasonable steps to ensure that each Contingent Worker complies with all laws (including work health and safety laws) as well as any NSW Government agency's lawful and reasonable policies, practices and procedures.

## 28. Other Obligations

#### 28.1 Special Requirements

- **28.1.1** Suppliers under the Scheme are subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) For each individual engagement for which the Supplier is selected, the Supplier shall enter into a Customer Order in the form set out in Schedule 2, including a statement of the fees to be charged for each individual engagement.

(b) The Supplier may be required to meet with the Department at no charge on a few occasions each year to discuss relevant matters and provide a report on relevant issues.

#### 28.2 Code of Practice for Procurement

- **28.2.1** Suppliers must adhere to the NSW Government Code of Practice for Procurement at all times.
- **28.2.2** Any breach of the NSW Government Code of Practice for Procurement may result in the termination of Customer Order(s) and/or removal from the Scheme.

#### 28.3 Buy.NSW

**28.3.1** The Department will promote the existence of the Scheme on Buy.NSW and provide links for Customers and Agencies to get more information about the Suppliers approved to be on the Scheme.

#### 28.4 Records

- **28.4.1** The Supplier must keep and maintain all necessary records in relation to each Customer Order.
- **28.4.2** The Principal reserves the right to have a site inspection of the Supplier's premises or an audit of its records during the course of the Scheme for the purpose of evaluating compliance with the Scheme.
- **28.4.3** The Department may request additional information via email and/or buy.nsw.gov.au. The Supplier must provide this information by the due date.

#### 28.5 Key Personnel

- **28.5.1** The Supplier warrants that its personnel (including the Relationship Manager) engaged in the provision of the Services are appropriately qualified, competent and experienced and are aware of the requirements of the Scheme.
- **28.5.2** The Supplier must only employ such persons as are careful, skilled and experienced in the provision of the Services and the Supplier must, where applicable, hold or ensure appropriate personnel hold, all necessary certificates, licences, permits and authorities,
- **28.5.3** The Principal may object to and direct the Supplier to remove any of its personnel (including the Relationship Manager) who in his opinion are incompetent, unsuitable, or who have acted in breach of the Rules or other improper behaviour (without limitation, who have been dishonest). If requested, the Supplier will remove the named personnel and will not re-employ such personnel in connection with supply of Services pursuant to this Scheme.

#### 28.6 Service Level Agreements (SLA) with Customers

**28.6.1** The Supplier will, under each Customer Order and at its own expense, meet the timeframes specified by Customers in the Customer Orders for the provision of Contingent Worker(s). In the event that a timeframe is not specified by the Customer, the Supplier must use its best endeavours to work to industry standard timeframes.

#### 28.7 Marketing

- **28.7.1** Suppliers must follow agreed and appropriate Customer guidelines with respect to the marketing of Recruitment services within the NSW Government. Written Customer agreement from an appropriate Customer Representative must be acquired prior to the commencement of any marketing activity. Customers reserve the right to demand the cessation of any marketing activity deemed to be inappropriate and/or unwanted by that Customer.
- **28.7.2** The Principal will promote the Scheme as follows:
  - (a) A User Guide which will be published on the NSW Buy website at buy.nsw.gov.au;
  - (b) Advertising in Government publications;
  - (c) Focused category management forums;
  - (d) Regular customer interactions by Category Managers and Client Services Officers; and

(e) Facility for the Suppliers to market their Services on <u>Supplier Hub</u>.

#### 28.8 Value Added Services and Innovation

- **28.8.1** Value-added Services may be offered to Customers during the term of the Scheme, but these Services must meet the intent of the Scheme and will be provided to Customers at no additional cost to the NSW Government.
- **28.8.2** Value-added Services which Suppliers may consider providing throughout the life of the Scheme may include but are not limited to:
  - (a) Offering technical assistance to Customers in the development of the job specifications;
  - (b) eRecruitment via the VMS;
  - (c) eRecruitment via the VMS and MSP;
  - (d) Consolidated invoicing.

#### 28.9 Employment Checks

28.9.1 Some Government Agencies may require pre-placement checks, including Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Checks (often called police checks) of Contingent Worker(s) for all or some of their placements. These checks will be requested and paid for by the Customer. The Supplier will need to advise Contingent Worker(s) that they may be subject to pre-placement checks and required to provide basic information for the check(s). Further information is available from: <a href="https://buy.nsw.gov.au/contracts/employment-checks">https://buy.nsw.gov.au/contracts/employment-checks</a>

#### 28.10 Working with Children Checks

- **28.10.1** Some Customers may require Contingent Worker(s) to have a Working with Children Check prior to being placed. The Supplier, if requested, will be required to verify a Contingent Worker's Working with Children Check status and/or arrange Working with Children Checks prior to placing the Contingent Worker(s) into the assignment. These checks are to be made through an Approved Screening Agency at no cost to NSW Government. Further information is available from NSW Office of the Children's Guardian: https://www.ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check .
- **28.10.2** The Supplier must confirm the Contingent Worker's Working with Children Checks status to the Customer.

#### 28.11 Professional Associations

- **28.11.1** The Principal prefers that Suppliers are current corporate members of an industry body/association such as the Recruitment and Consulting Services Association (RCSA) or the Association of Professional Staffing Companies (APSCo). The Principal expects that Suppliers will abide and agree to be bound by the guidelines set out by relevant industry associations.
- **28.11.2** Suppliers should note that where conflict exists between this Scheme and provisions under any professional association code of conduct (e.g. the RCSA Code of Professional Conduct and/or the APSCo Code of Conduct) the provisions of this Scheme take precedence.

#### 28.12 Rail Transport drug & alcohol policy

- **28.12.1** The drug and alcohol policy of a rail transport operator must include:
  - (a) the objectives of the rail transport operator in relation to the management of alcohol and other drugs, and related issues, in connection with the safety of each of the operator's railway operations, and
  - (b) without limiting paragraph (a), the following objectives:
    - (i) the establishment of measures to achieve a workplace culture that supports fitness for work;
    - (ii) the reduction of risks to safety, absenteeism and other effects in the workplace of the consumption or use of alcohol and other drugs; and

- (iii) the manner in which the objectives are to be achieved.
- **28.12.2** The Rail Safety National Law (NSW) 2012 can be found at <a href="https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2012-82a">https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2012-82a</a>.

#### 28.13 Additional Online Systems

**28.13.1** The Principal may choose to implement additional online systems and/or portals during the term of the proposed Scheme. Any such new systems are not expected to entail any significant new costs to Suppliers and all Suppliers will be expected to use them.

#### 28.14 Small and Medium Enterprises

- 28.14.1 The Supplier must comply with applicable NSW Government policies and guidelines including the NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy (available at <u>https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy</u>)
- 28.15 Not used
- 28.16 Not used
- 28.17 Right to Represent
- **28.17.1** In the case of a Contingent Worker being represented by more than one Supplier for a particular role, the Contingent Worker's choice of Supplier representation will be deferred to.

#### 28.18 Disability Plan

**28.18.1** The NSW Government has a strong commitment to improving employment opportunities for people with a disability. To that end, the government requires Suppliers to demonstrate how they encourage expressions of interest or applications from people with a disability.

#### 29. Assignment or Novation by the Principal

- **29.1.1** The Principal may assign any of its rights under this Scheme, or may assign or novate its rights and obligations under this Scheme without the consent of the Supplier to any Department, government Agency or any other body created by or under legislation of the State of New South Wales for the purpose of administering the functions or discharging the role of the Principal.
- **29.1.2** The Supplier must execute all documents necessary to give effect to any novation or assignment permitted under this clause 29.

### 30. Assignment or Novation by the Supplier

**30.1.1** The Supplier must not assign its rights under this Scheme or purport to novate its rights and obligations under this Scheme without the prior written consent of the Principal Representative.

#### 31. General

#### 31.1 Remedies cumulative

**31.1.1** The rights and remedies provided in these Rules or a Customer Order are in addition to other rights.

#### 31.2 Construction

**31.2.1** No rule of construction applies to the disadvantage of a party because that party was responsible for the preparation of, or seeks to rely on, these Rules or any part of it.

#### 31.3 Governing law and jurisdiction

**31.3.1** These Rules are governed by the law in force in New South Wales. Each party submits to the non- exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales.

#### 31.4 No supplier / no employment / no partnership

- **31.4.1** The Supplier agrees that the Supplier and the Contingent Worker will not be taken to be, nor will it represent that it is, the employee, partner, officer and/or agent of the Agency.
- **31.4.2** Any employment/contracting relationship is between the Supplier and the Contingent Worker. There is no employment relationship between the Customer and the Contingent Worker.

## 32. Supplier's obligation as employer of the Contingent Worker

**32.1** The Supplier is responsible for all matters relating to Contingent Workers' employment, including, without limitation, matters relating to discipline, poor work performance, conduct, absences from duty, recruitment, performance reviews, performance management and remuneration reviews (and any payments made to, or disputes arising out of, the termination of the employment/engagement of Contingent Workers).

## DICTIONARY

**Acquisition** means that one supplier purchases the business of another supplier including the employment relationship of the contingent workers.

**Agency** includes NSW Government Departments, statutory authorities, statutory corporations and government business enterprises.

Applicant means a person who has submitted an Application for admission to the Scheme.

**Application** means the form (Supplied by the Principal Representative) that is used to apply to join a Scheme, including all attachments and supporting materials provided with that form.

**Award** is a ruling handed down by a state industrial relations commission which grants all wage earners in one industry or occupation the same minimum conditions of employment and wages.

**Base Rate** means the hourly rate paid to the Contingent Worker before the addition of superannuation.

**Categories** means the categories of Services available from Suppliers on the Contingent Workforce Scheme listed in the Master Services Schedule as amended from time to time.

Ceiling Price means the maximum Supplier Fee that can be charged.

**Confidential Information** means all confidential, non-public or proprietary information regardless of how the information is stored or delivered, exchanged between the parties before, on or after the date of a Customer Order relating to the business, technology or other affairs of the Discloser.

**Consultants** as per the Premier's Department Circular 2000-47, are defined as "A person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high-level specialist or professional advice to assist decision-making by management. Generally, it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors". The definition does not apply to casual or temporary staff employed or engaged by a NSW government organisation and is distinct from the definition of 'contractor'. Consultants are also professionals used to deliver a specific project as defined in a statement of work.

**Contingent Worker** refers to a person employed by a Supplier and who works on a temporary basis for a Customer.

**Customer** means a government Agency or an authorised public body including Eligible Customer who has placed a Customer Order for Services.

Customer Order means a valid order issued by a Customer for the Services described in Schedule 2.

Department means NSW Procurement, the Treasury, unless otherwise specified.

**Eligible Customer** is an organisation that is a registered buyer of NSW Government contracts and may be public bodies that are not government agencies. A list of Eligible Buyers can be found at <a href="https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme">https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme</a>

**Employment Checks** means checks on a contingent worker's identity, integrity and credentials prior to and during the term of a customer order.

Floor Price means the minimum Supplier Fee that may be charged.

**GST** means the tax imposed by the GST Act and the related imposition Acts of the Commonwealth. A person is Insolvent if:

- (a) it is (or states that it is) an insolvent under administration or insolvent (each as defined in the Corporations Act); or
- (b) it has had a controller appointed, or is in liquidation, in provisional liquidation, under administration or wound up or has had a receiver appointed to any part of its property;
- (c) it is otherwise unable to pay its debts when they fall due.

Master Services means the Services listed in Schedule 4.

**Material Adverse Event** means where the Applicant or Supplier is subject to insolvency or an ICAC inquiry or legal proceedings.

**Normal Time** means the time usually worked during the normal span of working hours prescribed. For the purpose of calculation of Supplier Fees, it includes Penalty Rates.

**Opportunities Hub** is a part of the Supplier Hub on the Buy.NSW website that provides a way to find and respond to NSW Government supply opportunities.

**Ordering Process** means the process agreed by the Principal Representative and the Supplier in relation to the placement of Orders.

**Overtime Hours** means hours worked outside the span of normal hours and each day stands alone for the purpose of calculating overtime payment.

Pay Rate means the Base Rate plus superannuation.

**Penalty Rate** means payment to the Contingent Worker for the working of shifts and is generally expressed as a percentage of Base Rate and will be treated as Normal Time Base Rate for the purpose of calculating Supplier Fee.

Performance Report means a report submitted in the prescribed form (Schedule 3 of the Rules).

**Permanent** refers to a person not employed by a Supplier and who is not paid by a Supplier.

**Principal** means the Secretary, Treasury for and on behalf of the Crown in right of the State of New South Wales and includes duly authorised delegates including officers of NSW Procurement.

**Principal Representative** means the Director –Human and Professional Services, NSW Procurement who is duly authorised to act on behalf of the Principal.

**Recruit or Recruitment** is used in the context of sourcing Contingent Workers for this Prequalification Scheme.

**Recruitment Organisation** is a Supplier that provides the services of placing Contingent Workers, matched to a profile for open positions, on behalf of a Customer, for utilisation by the Customer. The Recruitment Organisation is the employer of the Contingent Worker. A Consultant is not a Recruitment Organisation.

**Referred Contingent Worker** means a Contingent Worker introduced to the Supplier for payroll purposes or as a result of an acquisition.

**Relationship Manager** means the single point of contact for the Department within the Supplier organisation.

**Removal Period** means the time 12-month period from the date a Supplier was notified that it has been removed from the Scheme.

**Representative** of a party includes an employee, agent, officer, director, auditor, advisor, partner, consultant, joint venture, contractor or sub-contractor of that party.

**Review Committee** means the committee established to review decisions made by the Department, the subject of an appeal by an Applicant or Supplier. The committee is composed of independent NSW Public Service officer(s).

**Salary Package** means the starting salary of a permanent role inclusive of base rate and superannuation. If the role is part-time it is based on the part-time salary.

**Scheme** means the SCM0007 Contingent Workforce Prequalification Scheme administered by the Department, intended for use in more than one procurement of services from potential Suppliers that have been accepted by the Principal Representative for inclusion on that Scheme.

**Scheme Termination Notice** means a notice published on <u>buy.nsw.gov.au</u> issued by NSW Procurement advising of the intent to terminate the Scheme.

**Services** means the services that the Supplier may supply under a Customer Order under the Scheme, as requested by the Customer and is described in detail in a Customer Order.

**Supplier** means an Applicant that has been granted admission to the Contingent Workforce Prequalification Scheme. A Supplier of Contingent Workers is defined as a Recruitment Organisation that supplies additional people to perform the same types of tasks as permanent employees but for a limited period, working either on a part-time or full-time basis.

**Supplier Fees** means the relevant percentage amount calculated on the Contingent Worker Normal Time Pay Rate, which is payable to the Supplier.

**Supplier Hub** is a platform where suppliers must register to supply goods and services to the NSW Government. It connects buyers with eligible suppliers and provides general and scheme-specific supplier lists for various procurement needs.

**Taxes** means taxes, levies, imposts, charges and duties (including stamp and transaction duties, but excluding GST) imposed by any authority together with any related interest, penalties, fines and expenses in connection with them except if imposed on, or calculated having regard to, our net income.

## **SCHEDULE 1 – APPLYING TO THIS SCHEME**

All Applications to this Scheme SCM0007 must be submitted online via https://buy.nsw.gov.au/scheme/65CDBCCA-EA61-2354-9ECAFC84AE5A95B8

Applications may be submitted for Prequalification for engagements of any value.

Enquiries are to be directed to <u>contingentlabour@treasury.nsw.gov.au</u>

## **SCHEDULE 2 – CUSTOMER ORDER**

The Customer Order Form is available for download from the Buy.NSW website.

- 1. Go to https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme
- 2. Go to the "How to Buy" tab.
- 3. Look under the "Tools, templates and resources" heading.
- 4. Download the Customer Order Form.

To find out your eligibility to purchase from NSWG Government arrangements please visit <a href="https://buy.nsw.gov.au/buyer-guidance/get-started/non-agency-buyers">https://buy.nsw.gov.au/buyer-guidance/get-started/non-agency-buyers</a>

## **SCHEDULE 3 – SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Under the Scheme Rules, all engaging Agencies are required to submit a <u>Supplier Performance</u> <u>Report</u> for each engagement where the performance of, and the Services provided by, the Supplier are considered by the Customer to be unsatisfactory.

The reports are due at the completion date of the engagement or whenever a critical aspect of performance is unsatisfactory.

Agencies can also submit a <u>Supplier Performance Report</u> for each engagement where the performance of, and the performance of, and the Services provided by, the Supplier are considered by the Customer to be satisfactory.

Agencies can provide the performance information by submitting this report to the Department via email to <u>contingentlabour@treasury.nsw.gov.au</u>

The <u>Supplier Performance Report</u> is available on the Buy.NSW website at the following link under the "How to Buy" tab in the "Tools, templates and resources" section:

https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme

## **SCHEDULE 4 – MASTER SERVICES**

#### 1. General Overview

#### 1.1 Prequalification Scheme: Contingent Workforce

- **1.1.1** The Scheme is intended to:
  - (a) replace Contract 100;
  - (b) allow Government to engage suppliers with less red tape;
  - (c) make it easier for Suppliers to do business the NSW Government, in particular small to medium enterprises and regional businesses;
  - (d) "open up" the contractual arrangements to more Suppliers;
  - (e) better leverage the available talent that industry can offer;
  - (f) preserve the Government's position of leverage within the marketplace; and
  - (g) be respectful of associated risk.
- **1.1.2** This Scheme will be managed by NSW Procurement and will leverage NSW Government buying power whilst opening up opportunities to small and medium enterprises, regional and boutique Suppliers. The Secretary, Treasury, will be the Principal of the Scheme. NSW Procurement, on behalf of the Principal, will manage this Scheme.

#### 1.2 Services Required

- **1.2.1** Suppliers appointed to this Scheme will provide the following Services:
  - (a) Source Contingent Worker(s) whose qualifications match Customer job requirements, as required;
  - (b) Where relevant use online and offline media in order to advertise Contingent Worker opportunities and ensure any such advertising complies with Section 2 of the Advertiser Code of Ethics of the Australian Association of National Advertisers and does not cause disrepute to the NSW Government;
  - (c) Evaluate potential Contingent Worker(s) and cull resumes as required based on the Customer's criteria;
  - (d) Provide a shortlist report;
  - (e) Conduct interviews and reference checks of all sourced Contingent Worker(s);
  - (f) Conduct reference checks of all referred Contingent Worker(s) where payrolling services only are provided;
  - (g) Establish and maintain a register or database Contingent Workers, and where such register or database includes any data provided by or relating to the NSW Government Agency, ensure such database is managed in accordance with relevant privacy legislation and data protection regulations;
  - (h) Where appropriate advertise positions and Recruit;
  - (i) Reach agreement with the Customer on assigning any successful Contingent Worker(s), especially in terms of hours to be worked and at what hourly rate, for inclusion in the Customer Order;
  - (j) Employ successful Contingent Worker(s) in accordance with the relevant New South Wales and Australian laws;
  - (k) Assign successful Contingent Workers to Customers, following receipt of relevant Customer Orders;

- (l) Payrolling Services; and
- (m) Supply detailed sales data and reporting on a monthly basis to the Customer or as otherwise directed by the Principal Representative.
- **1.2.2** If requested, the Suppliers must provide the following Services:
  - (a) Bulk ordering / bulk Recruitment Services for Contingent Worker(s) under this Scheme; and
  - (b) Payroll Services only with no requirements for sourcing of Contingent Worker(s), for example when a Customer identifies a Contingent Worker for a particular role.
- **1.2.3** Customers will engage Contingent Worker(s) on an individual assignment basis with the scope of work for each assignment determined by the Customer and specified in the Customer Order. The scope of Categories is outlined in Annexure 6. Suppliers must use the role types as provided by the Department in Annexure 6 and no variations by the Supplier to this list is allowed.
- **1.2.4** Suppliers will notify the hiring manager if the Contingent Worker has received a severance or redundancy payment in the public sector during the preceding 12 months. See Annexure 9.

#### 1.3 Excluded

- **1.3.1** It should be noted that the Master Services of the Scheme and the Rules mean that Independent Contractors, Trusts and Sole Traders will not qualify to be part of this Scheme.
- **1.3.2** Consortiums, including third party arrangements, will not qualify to be part of this Scheme. Sub-contract organisations are encouraged to apply for prequalification in their own right.
- **1.3.3** Consultants are not considered to be part of the contingent labour workforce.

#### 2. Sourcing and Retention Capability

#### 2.1 Retention within Government

**2.1.1** Suppliers should ensure continuity of service from the Contingent Worker(s) during the Scheme and should endeavour to ensure placed Contingent Worker(s) remain available for the duration of the Customer Order.

#### 2.2 Benefits of Working for NSW Government

- **2.2.1** Suppliers should actively promote the NSW Government as an "employer of choice" and market the benefits of working with the NSW Government to potential Contingent Worker(s) (to source for NSW Government) and to current Contingent Worker(s) (to retain within the NSW Government). Some of the key benefits Suppliers can use in promotion are:
  - (a) flexible working conditions;
  - (b) variety of roles and opportunities across the NSW Government;
  - (c) opportunity to gain competence in working in a government environment;
  - (d) experience working in a broad, diverse and large organisation;
  - (e) longer placement periods on average; and
  - (f) opportunities to contribute to the development of the State.

#### 3. Geographical Coverage

- **3.1.1** Contingent Worker(s) is likely to be required in the following locations:
  - (a) Australian Capital Territory
  - (b) Northern Territory
  - (c) Queensland

- (d) South Australia
- (e) Tasmania
- (f) Victoria
- (g) Western Australia
- (h) Central West
- (i) Far West
- (j) Hunter
- (k) Illawarra
- (l) Mid North Coast
- (m) Murray
- (n) Murrumbidgee
- (o) North Western
- (p) Northern
- (q) Richmond Tweed
- (r) South Eastern
- (s) Sydney
- **3.1.2** Suppliers will nominate to service at least one of the following areas:
  - (a) The whole of New South Wales; or
  - (b) A single region; or
  - (c) Any combination of regions.

#### 4. Performance Management

#### 4.1 Contract Management and Monitoring

- **4.1.1** The Supplier will comply with the Principal Representative's performance monitoring program and during the course of the Scheme the Supplier's performance will be monitored and assessed in line with the Key Performance Indicators outlined in Annexure 4.
- **4.1.2** Annexure 4 outlines the performance standards and definitions against which Suppliers will be monitored and assessed. The KPIs may be modified by the Principal Representative during the term of the Scheme to meet business requirements and the Supplier will be required to comply with the KPIs at no additional cost to the NSW Government.

#### 4.2 Customer Order

**4.2.1** The Customer Order shall be developed by the Customer and specify, as a minimum, the information contained in Schedule 2 of the Scheme. No assignment of a Contingent Worker(s) to a Customer is to occur without receipt of a Customer Order from the Customer. No invoice will be paid unless it includes the Customer Order number. The Customer Order number may be the same number as the Purchase Order.

#### 4.3 Purchase Order

**4.3.1** No assignment of a Contingent Worker(s) to a Customer is to occur without receipt of a Purchase Order from the Customer. No invoice will be paid unless it includes the Purchase Order number. The Purchase Order number may be the same number as the Customer Order number.

#### 4.4 Invoice Quality

**4.4.1** Suppliers must maintain a high level of accuracy of invoices which are correctly rendered and issued with minimal corrections / amendments. Suppliers must ensure that invoices are

submitted in the format and within the timeframes requested by Customers. Incorrectly rendered invoices may be rejected and returned for adjustment/amendment at no cost to the NSW Government.

## 4.5 Electronic Data Exchange

**4.5.1** Where Customers elect to conduct business electronically, the Supplier agrees to use that platform for data exchange as directed by the Customer and at no additional cost to the Customer.

## **ANNEXURE 1** - Performance Standards and Definitions

The Performance Standards are summarised in the following table:

No.	Supplier Obligation	Performance Standard
1	Management/operational meetings	The Supplier must attend scheduled meetings unless otherwise determined by the Principal Representative.
2	Reports	All reports must be provided on time in accordance with
3	Records, processes and procedures	All records, processes and procedures must be maintained in an accurate and accountable manner, as
4	Invoicing	All invoices must be submitted in accordance with the invoicing requirements in the Scheme.
5	Key Supplier Representatives - performance of role	All Key Supplier Representatives must perform their
6	6 Key Supplier Representatives – All proposed replacements for Key Supplier Representatives are to be:	
		<ul> <li>a) notified to the Principal Representative as soon as possible; and</li> <li>b) suitably qualified and experienced as reasonably determined by the Principal Representative</li> </ul>
7	Compliance	The Supplier must comply with the terms of the Scheme and the Principal's policies and procedures.
8	Services	The Supplier must ensure that the Services are provided on time and in accordance with the requirements set out

Unless otherwise stated, the Supplier must provide reports on its performance in accordance with Annexure 2.

# **ANNEXURE 2** - Reporting Format

Required by 10th calendar day of each month for the previous month's activity.

The supplier reporting template is available for download from the Buy.NSW website.

- 1. Go to https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme
- 2. In the "How to Supply" tab
- 3. Under the "Tools, templates and resources" heading
- 4. Download the file "supplier reporting template".

# **ANNEXURE 3 - Additional Documents and Reports Required**

The following table lists documents and reports which may be required by Customers and/or the Principal Representative under this Scheme.

Report/Document Type	Indicative Content	Due Date
Timesheets Note: If the Customer elects to use the Government nominated VMS once implemented, time sheeting will occur through the VMS	<ul> <li>The time sheet must include provision for daily entries under the following headings:</li> <li>Assignment</li> <li>Supplier's Contingent Worker(s) name</li> <li>Actual standard hours worked (start and finish times)</li> <li>Days absent from the assignment and reason</li> <li>Supervisor's comments and signature.</li> </ul>	At the end of each week
Assignment Report Note: If the Customer elects to use the Government nominated VMS once implemented the need for reporting to be generated will be minimised.	<ul> <li>An assignment report listing the following information:</li> <li>Customer</li> <li>Job Reference/Unique Code</li> <li>Contingent Worker(s) Category</li> <li>Location of Assignment</li> <li>Hourly Pay Rate</li> <li>Hourly Charge Rate</li> <li>Total hours charged</li> <li>Total amount charged</li> </ul>	Quarterly or as requested by the Customer
Quarterly Report Note: If the Customer elects to use the Government nominated VMS the need for reporting to be generated will be minimised.	<ul> <li>A summary for the reporting period, including the following information: <ul> <li>the Services provided;</li> <li>the amounts invoiced under the Scheme and the level of invoicing accuracy;</li> <li>any problems encountered / assignments unable to be filled and the actions taken to resolve those problems and prevent re-occurrence;</li> <li>updates and issues relating to the future delivery of the Services;</li> <li>tasks or jobs not completed in accordance with the Customer Order;</li> <li>timelines not met; and</li> <li>a summary of the Supplier's compliance with the Scheme, detailing all instances where a breach has occurred, and actions taken to remedy the breach and prevent re-occurrence;</li> <li>A summary of marketing and sales activities, new</li> <li>Customers and other information over the reporting period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Quarterly or as requested by the Customer
Other Reports	Such content as is required to be reported by the Supplier on the reasonable request of the Principal Representative in respect of the Services or the Scheme.	Within a week of request by the Principal Representative.
Presentations	Such presentations to key stakeholders / customers as are agreed by the Supplier and the Principal Representative.	As agreed by the Supplier and the Principal Representative.

# **ANNEXURE 4 - Key Performance Indicators (KPI)**

Note that failure to meet the following KPIs could result in removal from the Scheme as detailed in Clause 18, 19 and 20 of the Rules.

KPI No.1 - Monthly	Online Ordering
Reason	Assist the Department to achieve all orders online following the implementation of the vendor management system (VMS) by each Agency. This will assist the NSW Government in achieving its targets and assist the Supplier in reducing internal costs.
Reporting Method	Not required prior to the implementation of VMS. To be reported via the VMS once implemented.
Benchmark	90% of all orders online within the first 6-month implementation per Agency.
Variable	Benchmark to increase as target is reached in order to achieve target of 100%.
KPI No. 2 - Monthly	Response Times
Reason	To ensure that all Contingent Worker(s) positions are suitably filled within the agreed response time from the time the Customer Order is issued.
Reporting Method	Not required prior to the implementation of VMS unless requested by Customer. To be reported via the VMS once implemented.
Benchmark	98% = 100%
Variable	For each day delay or part thereof for each Contingent Worker Assignment, there will be a 5% deduction from 100%
KPI No. 3 - Monthly	Job Receipt
Reason	To ensure receipt of acknowledgement for all jobs issued to the Supplier
Reporting Method	Not required prior to the implementation of VMS unless requested by Customer. To be reported via the VMS once implemented.
Benchmark	95% = 100%
Variable	Each job not acknowledged will result in a 5% deduction from 100%.
KPI No. 4 - Monthly	References
Reason	To ensure that all Contingent Worker(s) including referred Contingent Workers (where payrolling services only are provided) are reference checked prior to referral.
Reporting Method	To be reported via the VMS.
Benchmark	All engaged candidate references checked = 100%

Variable	One error = 90% Two errors = 80% Should the score reach 70%, default will be 0%	
KPI No. 5 - Monthly	Invoicing	
Reason	To ensure all invoices are accurate at time of issue	
Benchmark	98% = 100%	
Variable	One error or one day late – 95% Two errors or two days late – 90% Any combination of the above – 85% Should the score achieved reach 70% or less, the default score will be 0%	
KPI No. 6 – Annually	Customer Satisfaction	
Reason	Ensuring that satisfaction to Customer Orders remains equal to or above acceptable levels.	
Reporting Method	NSW Procurement to conduct annual hiring manager satisfaction survey Performance Reports	
Benchmark	75% Satisfaction Any poor* Performance Reports as per Schedule 3 of the Rules	
Variable	Any 5 poor reports may result in removal from the Scheme	
KPI No. 7 – Monthly	Reporting	
Reason	To assist the Department gain visibility and transparency of the contingent workforce across the sector	
Reporting Method	<ul> <li>Monthly report must be submitted to <u>contingentlabour@treasury.nsw.gov.au</u> by the 10th calendar day of each month. Should the 10th of the month fall on a non-business day the report is due on the previous business day</li> <li>Monthly report must be submitted in the Supplier Reporting Template available for download from Buy.NSW in the "How to Supply" tab under the "Tools and, templates and Resources" heading. <u>https://buy.nsw.gov.au/schemes/contingent-workforce-scheme</u>.</li> <li>Nil reports must be submitted if applicable</li> <li>Agency reports will not be required once the VMS is implemented</li> </ul>	
Benchmark	100% receipt of reports on time	
Variable	One day late = 90% Two days late = 80% Three days late = 70% A consistent score of less than 100% may result in removal from the Scheme	

\*Poor is defined as any Performance Reports received in a six-month period where;

- An Agency has not recommended the Supplier for any future work; or
- Supplier has scored four or more Unsatisfactory or Marginal Ratings.

## **ANNEXURE 5 - Code of Conduct including Transition/Acquisition**

#### 1. Transition/Acquisition arrangements

- 1.1 Suppliers acknowledge that circumstances may arise when a Customer wishes to change Supplier. Where one Supplier seeks to transition Contingent Worker(s) from a Supplier currently providing the Contingent Worker(s) (original Supplier) in response to Customer requirements, the transition-seeking Supplier should give written notice to the original Supplier, the Customer and Treasury requesting to affect a transition of Contingent worker(s) from the original Supplier in response to Customer requirements.
- **1.2** Suppliers acknowledge that circumstances may arise where another Supplier wishes to acquire/sell their business or part thereof, including the employment relationship with the Contingent Workers. Both prequalified Suppliers are obliged to provide 30 days written notice to the Principal prior to the date of transition/acquisition.
- **1.3** In making transition/acquisition arrangements, Suppliers must give due consideration to the interests of the Customer, the Contingent Worker(s), the other Supplier and DFS.
- **1.4** Once the relevant notifications have been made, Suppliers must act expeditiously and will ensure that the transition/acquisition occurs within one calendar month.
- **1.5** The Suppliers must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that transition/acquisition arrangements are managed in a professional manner and are designed to minimise disruption to the Customer, the Contingent Worker(s), the other Supplier and the Department. It is expected that the transition/acquisition arrangements would include:
  - (a) Arrangements necessary for the orderly continuation of business;
  - (b) Both Suppliers will ensure that each identifies and give effect to any relevant contractual or other legal obligations contained in the Scheme;
  - (c) Ensure that the transition/acquisition of Contingent Worker(s) is orderly: the original Supplier to be first to inform its Contingent Worker(s) of the circumstances that have led to the transition/acquisition request; the original Supplier should notify its Contingent Worker(s) promptly upon receipt of a transition/acquisition request of circumstances that may be likely to result in change, termination or redundancy in the workplace;
  - (d) Acting promptly and in accordance with good commercial and industrial practice;
  - (e) Taking steps to ensure that Contingent Worker(s) are properly informed of matters relevant to their decision to transition or not.
- **1.6** Supplier Fee for Contingent Worker(s) who have been transitioned/acquired are fixed at 5.14% of Normal Time Pay Rate.

### 2. Principles to observe

The Suppliers will make the transition/acquisition arrangements in accordance with the following principles:

### 2.1 Honest dealings

- **2.1.1** Suppliers must not knowingly:
  - (a) make false statement of material fact;
  - (b) fail to disclose a material fact;
  - (c) make representation as to future matters without having reasonable grounds for making it;

- (d) Suppliers who place job advertisements must take care that the advertisements accurately describe what, if any, jobs are available and that all information given about a job before or at an interview with Contingent Worker(s) is accurate and not misleading; and
- (e) All fees, charges and Services provided must be explicitly and fully disclosed to Customers prior to the acceptance of an assignment, or prior to any work being undertaken for a Customer.

## 2.2 Privacy

- **2.2.1** Suppliers must take reasonable steps to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of information obtained in the course of their professional practice.
- **2.2.2** Suppliers must take reasonable steps to ascertain the extent to which any information they collect may be confidential.

#### 2.3 Respect for Laws

- **2.3.1** Suppliers must comply with all legal, statutory and government requirements.
- **2.3.2** Suppliers will not engage in any form of collusive practices.
- **2.3.3** Suppliers shall take reasonable steps to ensure, so far as practicable, that all new employees, Contractors, Supplier Representatives and Contingent Worker(s) honour their legal obligations to their previous employers and principles.

## 2.4 Respect for Safety

- **2.4.1** Suppliers must act diligently in assessing work, health and safety risks for which they are statutorily responsible.
- 2.4.2 Suppliers must not knowingly subject Contingent Worker(s), Customers, Supplier Representatives and other Suppliers, to any significant safety risk without their informed consent.
- **2.4.3** Suppliers shall inform their Contingent worker(s) whenever they have reason to believe that any particular assignment may pose a health and safety risk.
- **2.4.4** Suppliers shall provide their Contingent Worker with the necessary safe systems of work, instruction or training and equipment necessary to manage any health and safety risks identified with the assignment for which the Contingent Worker has been engaged to undertake.
- **2.4.5** The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers being provided to the Customer comply with all relevant safety procedures, policies and requirements of the Customer, as amended from time to time, including any specific requirements of the Customer for working in a hazardous environment.

#### 2.5 Respect for Certainty of Engagement

- **2.5.1** Suppliers must ensure that Contingent Worker(s) are given details of their work conditions, the nature of the work to be undertaken, rates of pay and pay arrangements.
- **2.5.2** Suppliers must take reasonable steps to ensure that any material variations to the engagement of Contingent Worker(s) only occur with prior agreement of the Contingent Worker(s), Customer and other Supplier as the case may be.
- **2.5.3** Suppliers must take reasonable steps to ensure the certainty of their engagement
  - (a) by a Customer to provide a Service extending to such matters as:
    - (i) position description and duties;
    - (ii) inherent requirements of the position;
    - (iii) remuneration and conditions attaching to the position;
    - (iv) any reference, background, or suitability check required by the Customer to be performed in respect of the position;

- (v) disclosure of Customer;
- (vi) disclosure of Customer information, assessment or valuation;
- (vii) agreement regarding all relevant terms of business including any guarantee;
- (b) by a Customer extending to agreement regarding all matters relevant to the Supplier's representation of the Contingent Worker(s).

## **ANNEXURE 6** - Role types within categories

The NSW Government intends using the ANZSCO/ABS-based Categories and role types where possible to ensure that data recording and reporting is consistent with the data collected for NSW public sector employees.

As a minimum, and to assist with classification and reporting of placements, the Scheme includes the Categories listed below:

- Category A Administration
- Category B Finance
- Category C Specialist
- Category D Industrial
- Category E Professional
- Category F Technical
- Category G ICT Network and Equipment
- Category H ICT Management, Implementation and Support
- Category I ICT Applications, Databases and Systems
- Category J Transport
- Category K Education
- Category L Other
- Category M State Emergency Services

The list of role types within each Category is not exhaustive.

Additional Categories that may be added during the period of the Scheme will also be subject to the same terms and conditions of this Scheme.

Suppliers must use the role types as listed below, without any variation.

### **Category A – Administration**

Administration Manager Arts Administrator or Manager **Business Services Manager** Call or Contact Centre Operator Call or Contact Centre Team Leader Call or Contact Centre Manager **Client Service Manager Corporate Services Manager** Customer Service Officer **Customer Service Manager** Data Entry Operator Data Processing Operator **Engineering Technologist** General Clerk Health Data Administrator Information Officer Office Support

Personal Assistant Receptionist (General) Records Clerk Secretary (General) Service Manager Switchboard Operator

#### Category B – Finance

Accountant / Management Accountant /Senior Accountant Auditor / Audit Manager / Auditor (Senior) / IT Auditor Business Analyst / Financial Analyst Credit Officer/Manager Finance Officer / Accounts Clerk / Bookkeeper Finance Specialist Financial Controller Financial Planner Investigator Payroll Officer / Manager

#### Category C – Specialist

Communications / Public Relations / Media Relations (Manager) Contract / Procurement / Vendor (Officer or Manager) Field Officer Graphic Designer Human Resources / Training & Development / Trainers Lease (Administrator or Negotiator) Legal Support / Law Clerks / Paralegal Library / Archives / Record Management Marketing / Advertising (Officer, Manager or Specialist) Policy (Officer or Manager) Program (Officer, Manager or Director) Project (Officer, Manager or Analyst) Property Valuer / Conveyancer

### Category D – Industrial

Apprentice **Battery Fitter** Blacksmith/Boilermaker Bricklaver Bridge Worker **Building Inspector Building Services Employee** Carpenter Chef Cleaner Concrete Inspector Concreter Crane, Hoist or Lift Operator Crossing Supervisor Distribution / Warehouse / Inventory (Officer or Manager) Driver /Truck Driver / Tow Truck Driver Electrician Fencer Fitter Gardener Installation & Maintenance Supervisor

Kitchen hand Labourer - Various Landscape Gardener Leading Hand Line Marker Logistics / Supply Chain (Officer or Manager) Maintenance Handyman Maintenance Patrolman Maintenance Planner Mechanic **Operators of Explosive-Powered Tools** Painter **Plant Operator** Plasterer Plumber **Production Worker** Rigger Road / Bridge Performance Tester Road Traffic Controller Road Worker Roofer Signwriter Signal Technician Site/Works Supervisor Steersman Stonemason Storeman and Packer Storeperson Supply and Distribution Manager Survey Field Hand Team Leader Timberperson Track Worker / Labourer Tradesperson's / Technician's Assistant **Transport Facility Worker** Waiter Welder Yardman

#### Category E – Professional

Archaeology and Heritage Advisor Architect Chemist **Conservation Officer** Engineer - Bridge /Chemical /Civil /Construction /Electrical /Electronic /Industrial /Mechanical /Maintenance /Traffic etc. Environmental Officer/Scientist Food Technologist **Geographic Information Specialist** Geologist Geophysicist Hydrologist Metallurgist OHS&R / Safety Compliance Officer/Manager **Project Engineer** Project Manager/Officer Project Planner/Cost Engineer

Quality Assurance /Quality Control Manager Scientist Surveyor / Engineering Surveyor Town Planner Traffic and Transport Planner Urban and Regional Planner

#### Category F – Technical

Asset Officer/Manager Clerk of Works Control Room Supervisor Designer - Construction / Industrial **Development Officer/Manager Documentation Officer** Drafter Engineering Associate/Technician Estimator Facilities or Property Officer/Manager Inspector Interior Designer **Property Acquisition Officer** Surveillance Officer / Steel Inspection - Bridges Surveyor's Assistant **Technical Officer** Technician - Engineering / Science / Laboratory / Processing

#### Category G - ICT Network and Equipment

Computer Network and Systems Engineer Data Network Engineer Hardware Technician Network Administrator Network Designer / Architect Network Security Consultant **Network Support** Network Technical Consultant Network/Operations Manager Novell Engineer / Specialist PABX Systems Technician Radio communications Technician Server Engineer Support and Test Engineers Support Technicians Telco / Voice / Communications Analyst **Telecommunications Engineer / Field Engineer Telecommunications Network Engineer Telecommunications** Technician VoIP Consultant WAN Specialist

### Category H – ICT Management, Implementation and Support

Business Continuity Manager Business to Business Integration Specialist Change Management Specialist CIO Data Centre Facilities Supervisor Data Centre Support Analyst Desktop Support Documentation Specialist Help Desk Support / Manager ICT Business Analyst ICT Operations Manager ICT Strategy Planner / Consultant ICT Trainer IT Manager IT Specialist / ICT Consultant Program or Project Administrator Security Consultant/Specialist Technical Manager

## Category I – ICT Applications, Databases and Systems

.Net Specialist Analyst Programmer / Applications Developer C# Specialist **Computer Operator** Data Modeler / Architect Data Warehouse Technologist / Specialist / Developer Database Specialist / Designer / Analyst **Email Technical Specialist ERP/CRM** Functional / Technical Consultant **Mercury Specialist** Microsoft Consultant Multimedia Designer / Specialist SAP Professionals Siebel Specialist Software Engineer Solaris / Unix Administrator Solution Architects /Designers System Tester Systems Administrator Systems Analyst Systems Architect/Designer **Technical Writer** Test Manager/Leader/Analyst TSM Specialist User Experience Designer (ICT) Web Site Content Manager Web Site Designer/Consultant/Developer

## Category J – Transport: note that increased insurance levels apply

Rail Specific and Technical – Rail Technical Project Management Construction Manager Contract Officer Rail Infrastructure & Rollingstock Design Engineer Maintenance Planning Engineer Project Co-Ordinator Project Director Rail Infrastructure Project Director Rollingstock Project Engineer Rail Infrastructure Project Engineer Rollingstock Project Manager Rail Infrastructure Project Manager Rollingstock Project Officer Rail Infrastructure Project Officer Rail Infrastructure & Rollingstock Project Officer Rail Infrastructure & Rollingstock Project Surveyor Site Manager Site Supervisor **Technical Specialist Technical Support Officer** Rail Specific and Technical - Engineering CAD Drafter **Civil Engineer Design Engineer** Engineer Engineering Advisor **Engineering Manager Geospatial Officer** Geotechnical Advisor Mechanical Engineer Project Design Engineer **Project Engineer Quality Engineer Quality Surveyor Reliability Engineer** Senior Engineer Consultant Signalling Engineer Systems Engineer Rail Specific and Technical – Design and Architecture Architect Designer Estimator Senior Architect Surveyor Town Planner Rail Specific and Technical - Rail Infrastructure Logistics Manager Maintenance Manager **Operations Manager Process Engineer Quality Engineer** Signalling Designer Signalling Engineer Signalling Supervisor Safety – Legal Compliance Manager General Counsel Lawver Legal Secretary Paralegal Solicitor

### **Category K- Education**

Examination Supervisor Lecturer Teacher Support – all disciplines Tutor – Academic / Music

#### Category L – Other

Access control Alarm, Security or Surveillance Monitor Camera Enforcement Officer Canteen Assistant Car Park Attendant Child Care Worker Children's and Youth Services Librarian Corporate host Disability Care Workers Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teacher Early Childhood Educator Event staff / manager Queue management Security Specialist / Officer / Manager (Non-ICT) Sports Coach or Instructor – all sports Ticket seller / box office Traffic controller Turnstile operator Usher

#### Category M – State Emergency Services

Arborist Debris removal Elevated Work Platform Contractor Mulching of vegetation Stump grinding Tree lopping service Tree removal

## **ANNEXURE 7 - Additional Conditions Transport Cluster**

## AC.1 Operation of Additional Conditions

AC.1.1 The conditions provided below set out additional conditions to the Scheme. The Customer and the Supplier agree to comply with these additional conditions. For the purpose of this Annexure 7 only, Customer means NSW TrainLink, Transport Asset Manager of New South Wales (TAM), State Transit Authority (STA) of New South Wales, Sydney Trains, Sydney Metro, Department of Transport, Transport for NSW (TfNSW), and such other Public Transport Agencies or subsidiary corporations of a Transport Authority, nominated in a Customer Order.

## AC.2 Quality and Qualifications of Contingent Workers

- AC.2.1 Any Contingent Worker to be provided to the Customer must be authorised by the Customer in writing prior to the Contingent Worker commencing any work for the Customer.
- AC.2.2 The Customer may specify the relevant licences or certificates of competency it requires Contingent Workers to hold in accordance with clauses 7.1.5, 28.5.1 and 28.5.2 of the Scheme.
- AC.2.3 The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers being provided to the Customer comply with all relevant safety procedures, policies and requirements of the Customer, as amended from time to time, including any specific requirements of the Customer for working in a hazardous environment. A copy of the relevant policies and procedures are available from Transport for NSW.
- AC.2.4 The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers comply with the Customer's Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time. A current version of this code of conduct is available at https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Transport-Code-of-Conduct-November-2024.pdf.
- AC.2.5 The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers comply with the ICT Service Access and Usage Policy, as amended from time to time. A current version of this code of conduct is available https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Transport-Code-of-

Conduct-November-2024.pdf.

- AC.2.6 The Customer may require the Contingent Workers to submit to a pre-employment medical screening. If required, the Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers submit to such testing.
- AC.2.7 The Supplier must ensure that the Contingent Workers:
  - (a) comply with any policies or procedures of the Customer (including its Code of Conduct), as amended from time to time, regarding an alcohol and drug free workplace;
  - (b) be drug and alcohol free; and
  - (c) submit to a drug and alcohol test, as may be required by the Customer from time to time.

A link to the current version of the drug and alcohol policy is available at https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2024/Transport-Code-of-Conduct-November-2024.pdf.

- AC.2.8 Where appropriate, Suppliers must provide appropriate protective equipment.
- AC.2.9 If a Contingent Worker fails to comply with any of clauses AC.2.3, AC.2.4, AC.2.5, AC2.6 or AC.2.7 above, the Customer may, in addition to any other rights it may have under the Scheme:
  - (a) terminate the Customer Order by written notice without compensation of any kind to the Supplier; and /or

(b) require that the Supplier immediately replace the relevant Contingent Worker with another Contingent Worker of equivalent skill and experience and for the same or lower cost to the Customer for the duration of the relevant Customer Order.

The Supplier agrees that the Contingent Worker/s in question will not be supplied to the Customer for any future Customer Orders unless otherwise agreed by the Customer in writing.

## AC.2.10 If the Customer:

- (a) considers a Contingent Worker's performance to be unsatisfactory,
- (b) a Contingent Worker engages in any misconduct or fraudulent activity,
- (c) a check (as described in clause AC10) is found to have an unsatisfactory result,
- (d) any undertakings by the Supplier in relation to any required licences or checks (as described in clause AC10) are found to be invalid

then

- (a) the Customer may in addition to any other rights it may have under the Scheme:
  - (i) terminate the Customer Order by written notice without compensation of any kind to the Supplier; and /or
  - (ii) require that the Supplier immediately replace the relevant Contingent Worker with another Contingent Worker of equivalent skill and experience and for the same or lower cost to the Customer for the duration of the relevant Customer Order.

## AC.3 Unavailability of Contingent Workers

- AC.3.1 If the Supplier is unable to provide Contingent Workers for any reason, the Supplier must, as soon as possible:
  - (a) arrange, at its own cost, for the supply of alternative Contingent Workers equally as qualified and appropriate; and
  - (b) obtain the Customer's authorisation for the replacement Contingent Workers.
- AC.3.2 Any additional cost in arranging the alternative Contingent Workers is to be borne by the Supplier and in no event will the Customer be required to pay any rate for alternative Contingent Workers that exceeds the rate specified for the Contingent Workers in SCHEDULE 2 CUSTOMER ORDER of the Scheme.

## AC.4 Payment

- AC.4.1 Excluding Category D, further to clauses 6.1.4 and 6.1.5 of the Scheme, the Customer will also not be required to pay the Supplier any additional amounts in respect of:
  - (a) break periods, including lunch breaks;
  - (b) travelling time;
  - (c) time not spent providing the Services;
  - (d) leave of any kind;
  - (e) amount not specified in a Customer Order;
  - (f) overtime, penalty, weekend or any other rates of a similar nature; or
  - (g) any other allowances, loadings or penalties that may be payable under an award, if any are applicable.
- AC.4.2 All claims for payment made by the Supplier shall be in the form of a tax invoice. A claim for payment must be lodged with the Customer every month (depending on supplier system requirements this may be the same date each month or a particular day in the month), in respect of Services provided for the previous month, and shall be substantiated by an

itemised account. The Supplier shall provide any further details in regard to the account that are reasonably requested by the Customer, including consolidated monthly invoicing on behalf of its branches/business units. Only one invoice per Customer Order may be submitted to the Customer per month.

- AC.4.3 The Supplier must at the end of each week submit a copy of all timesheets to the Customer. The timesheets must be in such format as the Customer may require, be certified by the Supplier regarding the Services claimed to have been performed including provision for daily entries, and contain the following:
  - (a) the Customer Order number and description of Service;
  - (b) name of Contingent Worker/s;
  - (c) start and finish times worked by the Contingent Worker/s;
  - (d) days absent by the Contingent Worker/s and reasons for the absence; and
  - (e) the Customer's supervisor's name and signature.

## AC.5 Insurance (Sydney Trains only)

- AC.5.1 The Supplier must obtain and thereafter maintain at its own cost the following insurances for the duration of its membership of the Scheme:
  - (a) professional indemnity insurance in accordance with clause 4.1.2(a) of the Scheme and continue to maintain such insurance for a period of 7 years after the end of its membership of the Scheme.
- AC.5.2 All insurances which the Supplier is required to effect under this Customer Order:
  - (a) must be affected with insurers with a rating of no less than A– (Standard and Poors)/A3 (Moodys)/A (Fitch) or as otherwise approved by the Customer in writing; and
  - (b) must contain a term which requires the insurer to give the Customer 30 Business Days written notice prior to:
    - (i) the insurer giving the Supplier a notice of cancellation;
    - (ii) the insurer cancelling the relevant policy at the request of the Supplier; or
    - (iii) the Supplier allowing the relevant policy to expire.
- AC.5.3 The obligation set out in clause 4.1.3 of the Scheme also applies to the insurances required under this clause AC5 and, upon written request by the Customer at any other time, the Supplier must provide to the Customer:
  - (a) certificates of currency in respect of each insurance policy required by this Customer Order; and
  - (b) such other details as to each insurance policy as the Customer may reasonably require.
- AC.5.4 If any default is made by the Supplier in effecting or maintaining an insurance policy required by this Customer Order or if any such insurance policy becomes void or voidable, the Customer may (but is not obliged to) effect or maintain said insurance policy and pay the premium. The reasonable costs incurred by the Customer in connection with taking such action will be recoverable from the Supplier by any means at the Customer's discretion including as a reduction in, or setoff against, payments otherwise payable by the Customer to the Supplier.
- AC.5.5 The Supplier must:
  - (a) make and diligently prosecute any claim it may have under any insurance policy required by this Customer Order, including providing all documents, evidence and other information requested by the relevant insurer(s);
  - (b) not do or permit or omit to do, anything which prejudices the insurances required by this Customer Order;

- (c) rectify anything which might, if not rectified, prejudice any insurance policy required by this Customer Order;
- (d) reinstate any insurance policy required by this Customer Order if it lapses;
- (e) not cancel, vary or allow any insurance policy required by this Customer Order to lapse;
- (f) immediately notify the Customer of any fact or circumstance or change in circumstances which may prejudice any insurance policy required by this Customer Order;
- (g) comply at all times with the terms of each insurance policy required by this Customer Order; and
- (h) ensure that all insurances required under this Customer Order do not include exclusions in relation to rail or rail related activities.

### AC.6 Variations

- AC.6.1 The Customer may direct a variation to a Customer Order at any time and the Supplier must comply with a direction made by the Customer in accordance with this clause AC6.1.
- AC.6.2 Before directing a variation to the Customer Order, the Customer may request the Supplier to provide a written estimate of the time, cost and any other material implications of a proposed variation. The Supplier must provide this written estimate within a reasonable time nominated by the Customer.
- AC.6.3 The Customer shall reasonably determine the value of the variation to the Customer Order. The parties acknowledge and agree that in no event will any rates in a Customer Order for a variation involving the substitution of personnel exceed the rates specified in SCHEDULE 2 – CUSTOMER ORDER of the Scheme.
- AC.6.4 The Supplier shall have no entitlement to claim and shall not be paid for the subject of a variation direction made by the Customer unless the Customer directs the variation in writing in accordance with clause AC6.1.

## AC.7 Termination

### Termination for breach

- AC.7.1 The Customer may terminate a Customer Order, by written notice to the Supplier effective immediately:
  - (a) where proceedings or investigations are commenced or threatened by the Independent Commission Against Corruption or similar public body against the Supplier including, but not limited to, corrupt conduct or collusive pricing;
  - (b) where the Supplier has been involved with any fraudulent activity;
  - (c) where the Supplier commits a substantial breach of the Customer Order that is not capable of remedy;
  - (d) where the Supplier commits a substantial breach of the Customer Order in a manner that is capable of remedy and does not remedy the breach within 7 days of receiving a notice from the Customer requiring it to do so, or such further time as the Customer may reasonably allow;
  - (e) where the Supplier assigns its rights and/or obligations, or subcontracts the Customer Order otherwise than in accordance with the Customer Order;
  - (f) in the case of the Supplier's insolvency;
  - (g) where the Supplier has been temporarily suspended from the Scheme in accordance with clause 18 or clause 19 or removed from the Scheme in accordance with clause 20; or
  - (h) where the Supplier, or any Contingent Workers, has breached the Customer's Code of Conduct;

- (i) where the Supplier, or any Contingent Workers, has breached the Customer's Drug and Alcohol Policy;
- (j) where, in TfNSW's opinion (acting reasonably) that the Contingent Worker's performance is unsatisfactory.
- AC.7.2 If the Customer terminates a Customer Order in accordance with clause AC7.1 above, the Customer:
  - (a) may procure from any other source a reasonably similar alternative to the Services suitable to the Customer and the Supplier shall be liable to the Customer for any reasonable extra expense incurred together with any loss sustained by the Customer;
  - (b) shall be liable under the Customer Order to pay only for the Services delivered and accepted by the Customer or performed to the satisfaction of the Customer, in accordance with the Customer Order;
  - (c) may recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss or damage suffered by the Customer as a result of the termination; and /or
  - (d) will be entitled to recover from the Supplier any costs associated with transitioning to another supplier in accordance with Annexure 5 Code of Conduct including Transition/Acquisition.

## **Termination for Convenience**

- AC.7.3 The Customer may terminate any Customer Order in whole or in part for its convenience by giving 7 days' written notice ("Notice") with effect from the date stated in the Notice, and without the need to provide reasons.
- AC.7.4 If the Customer terminates a Customer Order in accordance with clause AC7.3, the Customer:
  - (a) shall be liable under the Customer Order to pay only for the Services delivered and accepted by the Customer or performed to the satisfaction of the Customer, in accordance with the Customer Order up to the date of termination; and
  - (b) will not be liable to the Supplier for any other claim or amount suffered by the Supplier in respect of termination of the Customer Order, including in respect of any consequential loss or loss of profits.

## **Recovery from Supplier**

- AC.7.5 If the Customer terminates this Customer Order for any reason the Customer may recover from the Supplier in an appropriate court the balance of any monies remaining unpaid as a debt due and payable by the Supplier to the Customer. This clause will survive the termination of the Customer Order.
- AC.7.6 Any termination by the Customer is without prejudice to any accrued rights or remedies of the Customer under the Customer Order or the Scheme.

### AC.7.7 Effect of termination

If the Customer terminates a Customer Order for any reason, the Supplier agrees that it will, if requested:

- (a) arrange, as soon as possible after the request, for the transition of its Contingent Workers to another Supplier;
- (b) otherwise comply with Annexure 5 Code of Conduct including Transition/Acquisition of the Scheme (except, in relation to paragraph 3 of Annexure 5 Code of Conduct including Transition/Acquisition, the Supplier agrees that it will ensure the transition occurs as soon as possible after the request for a transition); and
- (c) not enforce any provisions, or pursue any action, restraining the Contingent Workers from working for the Customer, either directly or indirectly, after the termination of the Customer Order.

## AC.8 ICAC named persons

AC.8.1 The Supplier warrants that that no listed at person https://www.icac.nsw.gov.au/investigations/past-investigations will do anything in connection with the works or services, whether as a Contingent Worker or otherwise.

## AC.9 Ariba Supplier Network (Sydney and NSW Trains only)

- AC.9.1 The Supplier acknowledges that:
  - (a) where required, the Customer may conduct business with Suppliers electronically, including exchanging data to create purchase orders, purchase order acknowledgments and invoices;
  - (b) as at the date of this Scheme, the Customer uses the Ariba Spend Management TM platform for data exchange with its Suppliers; and
  - (c) if the Supplier is requested by the Customer to register as a Supplier on the Ariba Supplier Network ™ it will do so and that any costs incurred are not recoverable from the Customer.

### AC.10 Employment Checks and Clearances Required by Law

- AC.10.1 Employment checks, including Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Checks (NCCHC), Working With Children Checks or any other checks and clearances required by law (Checks) may be required by the Customer on commencement or at any time after the Contingent Worker has commenced to provide services under a Customer Order.
- AC.10.2 These Checks are to be confirmed as part of the provision of candidates details to the Customer.
- AC.10.3 Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check:
  - (a) if a Contingent Worker has commenced to provide services under a Customer Order before the Supplier has confirmed the results of a NCCHC to the Customer in respect of that Contingent Worker then the Contingent Worker is deemed to be "recommended only" to the assignment under the Customer Order (Assignment).
- AC.10.4 If, in the opinion of the Customer (acting reasonably), the result of the NCCHC is adverse then:-
  - (a) the Customer may elect to request the Supplier to immediately replace the relevant Contingent Worker and AC 2.9 shall apply; and
  - (b) the Customer may direct the relevant Contingent Worker to immediately cease performing the Assignment and leave the Customer's premises.

### AC.11 Code of Conduct compliance

AC.11.1 Suppliers agree to actively manage Contingent Worker compliance awareness of, and adherence to, the cluster Code of Conduct and other relevant cluster / agency policies that relate to the role performed.

### AC.12 Employee/Employer relationship

- AC.12.1 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees, unless expressly provided for in these Additional Conditions, that:
  - (a) The Supplier remains at all times the employer of the Contingent Worker; and
  - (b) No relationship of employer and employee is created, or intended to be created, when a Customer places a Customer Order in respect of a Contingent Worker and the Contingent Worker provides services under that order, and undertakes any training related to either role or the Agency.
- AC.12.2 The supplier acknowledges that feedback on Contingent Worker performance is to be made directly to the Supplier for their action.

## AC.13 SAP ERP implementation

- AC.13.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Customer has implemented SAP ERP across the transport cluster. This means that:
  - (a) where required, the Customer must conduct business with Suppliers electronically, including exchanging data to create purchase orders, purchase order acknowledgments and invoices;
  - (b) the Customer must use the SAP ERP platform for data exchange with its Suppliers;
  - (c) Suppliers may be required to accept recipient created tax invoice (RCTI) and use a SAP based Cross-Application Time sheet System (CATS) for contractor timesheet entry and approval in preference to the Supplier's timesheet system.

### AC.14 Data

AC14.1 Suppliers will be asked to provide contractor personal data in a prescribed format that will include but not limited to Name, Address and evidence of qualifications, licences etc.

#### AC.15 Transfer between the Transport Cluster Agencies

AC.15.1 Supplier fees for Contingent Worker(s) who have been transferred between the cluster agencies are to be fixed at 5.14%.

#### AC.16 Selection of Candidates

AC.16.1 As much as practical, Suppliers are to review candidate's history to determine suitability for the work. For example, if a candidate has been removed from a Transport cluster position, then they should not be recommended without also outlining the history.

#### AC.17 Additional Reporting

AC.17.1 Suppliers may be asked to provide additional reports such as benchmarking the top cluster roles against other government agencies and similar size organisations.

#### AC.18 Policy Changes

- AC.18.1 In line with current procurement practice and in line with NSW Procurement rules, the following practices for labour hire engagements will apply:
  - (a) Below 150k or where a role will last greater than 3 months but less than 6 months, one supplier can be approached but a minimum of three candidates resumes to be sought;
  - (b) Below 150k or where a role will last greater than 6 months, three suppliers to be approached with three candidates resumes to be sought by the suppliers;
  - (c) Above 150k three suppliers to be approached with three candidates resumes to be sought by each supplier.

#### AC.19 SAP ERP Vendor Master Data

AC.19.1 Vendor Master Data is used to facilitate the sourcing events and payment process within ERP. It is important that Suppliers ensure their Vendor Master Data is current and therefore required to provide updated vendor information to <u>tss.vendors@transport.nsw.gov.au</u>

#### AC.20 Training

AC.20.1 Contingent Workers may be required from time to time to undertake training specific to their role or agency.

## **Policy Links**

## Transport for NSW

http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/about-us

http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/policy-documents

Sydney Trains

www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneytrains/commercial/contractors

## **ANNEXURE 8 – State Emergency Services**

## 1. Definitions

## 1.1 Arborist

**1.1.1** An arborist is a professional in the practice of arboriculture - the cultivation, management and study of individual trees. This practice includes the pruning, felling and removal of trees. For the purpose of this definition, professional means possessing the appropriate training and qualifications in the practice of all arborist activities, including all relevant equipment including but not limited to chainsaws, ladders, and elevated work platforms.

### 1.2 Tree Operations

**1.2.1** Any work performed or required to be performed in the operational response to the NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) core combat role of rendering safe any tree that, due to the effects of storm are affecting or threatening to affect, people or property in the state of NSW.

## 1.3 Services to be offered

- **1.3.1** Services may include:
  - (a) Felling dangerous trees
  - (b) Tree removal
  - (c) Tree work in the vicinity of power lines
  - (d) Wood chipping
  - (e) Stump grinding
  - (f) Arboriculture Reports and Consulting
  - (g) Contract climbing and work at heights
  - (h) Debris removal

## 1.4 Availability

- (a) 24 hour/7 day call out provision
- (b) Flexible working hours

### 1.5 Training and qualifications

- (a) AHC20510 Certificate II in Arboriculture and
- (b) AHC30810 Certificate III in Arboriculture

## 1.6 Equipment

- **1.6.1** Suppliers must have their own:
  - (a) Current Procedure/Register for undertaking daily equipment safety checks.
  - (b) Current equipment inspection, maintenance and repair schedule.
  - (c) Current induction training procedure and records for all equipment.
  - (d) First Aid kit meeting Work Cover requirements fully stocked and available in each vehicle

## 1.7 Liability

- **1.7.1** The Supplier agrees to indemnify the Principal from and against any liability including:
  - (a) liability for personal injuries, incurred by us

- (b) loss of or damage to property
- (c) loss or expense incurred by the Principal in dealing with any claim against the Principal including legal costs and expenses on a solicitor/own client basis and the cost of time spent, resources used or disbursements paid by us

arising from:

- (a) any act or omission by the Supplier, the Supplier's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors in connection with this Scheme where there was fault on the part of the person whose conduct gave rise to that liability, loss or damage, or loss or expense
- (b) any breach by the Supplier of the Supplier's obligations or warranties under this Scheme
- (c) any use or disclosure by the Supplier, the Supplier's officers, employees, agents or subcontractors of personal information held or controlled in connection with this Scheme
- (d) any use by the Principal of Intellectual Property, including any claims by third parties about the ownership or right to use the Intellectual Property or
- (e) any failure by the Supplier to pay remuneration payable to relevant employees.

In this clause "fault" includes negligent, unlawful or wilful conduct.

- **1.7.2** The Supplier's liability to indemnify the Principal under clause 1.7.1 will be reduced proportionately to the extent that any negligent act or omission by the Principal contributed to the relevant liability, loss or damage, or loss or expense.
- **1.7.3** The Principal's right to be indemnified under this clause 1.7 is in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other right, power or remedy provided by law, but the Principal are not entitled to be compensated in excess of the amount of the relevant liability, loss or damage, or loss or expense.
- **1.7.4** This clause survives expiration or termination of this Scheme.

## ANNEXURE 9 – Re-engagement of Public Sector Employees

## Employment in Public Service and other government sector agencies

Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014, Part 3, Division 1, General provisions -

24 - Repayment of severance or redundancy payments for non-executives on re-employment in public sector: section 88 (3) of Government Sector Employment Act 2013 Act:

- A government sector employee who receives a severance or redundancy payment because of a cessation of employment is not to be employed in the public sector during the period to which the payment relates unless arrangements have been made for a refund of the proportionate amount of the payment.
- (2) The proportionate amount of a payment to be refunded is to be calculated on the basis of the number of weeks (if any) that remain as part of the period to which the payment relates.
- (3) In this clause:

*employment* of a former government sector employee in the public sector includes:

- a) engagement of the former employee as a consultant or contractor to the employer, and
- b) engagement of the former employee through a labour hire arrangement with the employer, and
- c) engagement of a company or partnership that provides the services of the former employee to the employer.

*public sector* means the government sector, the service of a State owned corporation (or a subsidiary), any service in which persons excluded from the Act by section 5 of the Act are employed or a statutory office.

- (4) This clause does not apply to any of the following:
  - a) Public Service senior executives,
  - b) Health Service senior executives,
  - c) Transport Service senior executives and Transport Service senior managers,
  - d) NSW Police Force senior executives.

#### Note -

In the case of Public Service senior executives, see section 41 (3) of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 Act and clause 39 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

In the case of Health Service senior executives, see section 121H (3) of the Health Services Act 1997 and clause 41 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

In the case of Transport Service senior executives and senior managers, see section 68N (3) of the Transport Administration Act 1988 and clause 44 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

In the case of NSW Police Force senior executives, see section 41 (2) of the Police Act 1990 and clause 46 of the Government Sector Employment Regulation 2014.

# ANNEXURE 11 – Additional Conditions ACT Government

## 1. Operation of Additional Conditions

1.1 The following conditions set out additional obligations to be imposed upon Suppliers where the Scheme operates in the Australian Capital Territory. For the purposes of this Annexure 11 only, Customer means the Australian Capital Territory, the body politic established by section 7 of the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988 (Cth) represented by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate. The Customer and each Supplier providing Services under the ACT Cluster agree to comply with these additional conditions.

## 2. Supplier Pre-employment Obligations

### Working permissions

2.1 Suppliers should ensure that Contingent Workers have the necessary Australian immigration permissions to work in the Australian Capital Territory to perform the hours and Category of work they are being utilised for. Suppliers sponsoring Contingent Workers for placement with the Customer should note the requirements and procedures for sponsoring a temporary employee, for periods up to four years.

### **National Police checks**

2.2 Some of the Customer's directorates may require Contingent Workers to undergo placement checks of Contingent Worker(s) for all or some of their roles. These checks will be requested from the Australian Federal Police (AFP) before the Contingent Worker's commencement, unless advised otherwise by the Customer or the Customer's Managed Service Provider (MSP). The Supplier will need to advise Contingent Worker(s) that they may be subject to an AFP National Police Check and provide basic information for the check. The cost of these checks, if any, may be passed through to the Customer. The Supplier must verbally confirm the result of the AFP National Police Check to the Customer prior to Contingent Worker commencement. The Customer's MSP may undertake regular Supplier audits to ensure compliance. Further information is available from <a href="https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks">https://www.afp.gov.au/what-we-do/services/criminal-records/national-police-checks</a>.

### Working with Vulnerable People Checks

2.3 Some directorates of the Customer may require a Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration for Contingent Worker(s) proposed to be appointed. The Supplier, if requested, will be required to arrange WWVP registration prior to placing the Contingent Worker(s) into the assignment. These checks are to be made through Access Canberra at no cost to the Customer. The Supplier must confirm the result of the WWVP registration to the Customer. Further information is available from

<u>https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/working-with-vulnerable-people-wwvp-registration-tab-overview</u>.

### Labour Hire Licences

2.4 From 27 November 2021 onwards Suppliers must hold a labour hire licence unless they are eligible for an exemption. These applications must be completed through WorkSafe ACT at no cost to the Customer and must be renewed annually to continue providing services. The Supplier will be required to arrange this before they register to supply to the Customer. Further information is available from <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/licensing-and-registration/labour-hire-licensing">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/licensing-and-registration/labour-hire-licensing</a>.

## Workers' Compensation

**2.5** Suppliers must hold a current workers' compensation policy. The workers' compensation legislation is administered by WorkSafe ACT and inspectors are authorised to investigate complaints and contraventions. Suppliers must procure workers' compensation through an

insurer approved to do so by WorkSafe ACT. Further information is available from <a href="https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/workers-compensation">https://www.worksafe.act.gov.au/workers-compensation</a>.

## 3. Privacy

- **3.1** For the purposes of this clause 3, the following definitions apply:
  - (a) Personal Information means information or an opinion about an individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:
    - (i) whether the information is true or not; and
    - (ii) whether the information or opinion is recording in a material form or not;
  - (b) TPPs means the Territory Privacy Principles provided for in section 13 and Schedule 1 of the Information Privacy Act 2014 (ACT); and
  - (c) TPP Code means a code of practice about information privacy which, having regard to sections 21(1) and (3) of the Information Privacy Act 2014 (ACT), binds an agency that engages with the Supplier for provision of the Scheme.
- **3.2** In respect of any Personal Information held in connection with the Scheme, the Supplier must:
  - (a) comply with the TPPs and any applicable TPP Code as if it were a public sector agency under the Information Privacy Act 2014 (ACT) and must not (and ensure that any worker engaged by the Contractor under the Scheme does not) act or engage in a practice that breaches a TPP or a TPP Code;
  - (b) not act in any way or engage in any practice that would cause the Customer to be in breach of the Information Privacy Act 2014 (ACT), the TPPs or any applicable TPP Code; and
  - (c) co-operate with any reasonable requests or directions of the Customer arising directly from, or in connection with, the exercise of the functions of the information privacy commissioner under the Information Privacy Act 2014 (ACT).
- **3.3** A complaint alleging an interference with the privacy of an individual in respect of any Services performed by the Supplier (Complaint) will be handled by the Customer in accordance with the following procedures, unless otherwise provided for in a TPP privacy policy made under TPP 1.3 which applies to a Customer agency as relevant to the Scheme:
  - (a) if the Customer receives a Complaint, it will immediately notify the Supplier of only those details of the Complaint necessary to minimise any breach or prevent further breaches of this clause 3;
  - (b) if the Supplier receives a Complaint, it must immediately notify the Customer of the nature of the Complaint but will only release Personal Information to the Customer concerning the complainant with that person's consent; and
  - (c) after the Customer has given or been given notice under paragraphs (a) or (b), it will keep the Supplier informed of all progress with the Complaint concerning the actions of the Supplier.
- **3.4** This clause 3 survives the expiration or earlier termination of the Supplier's relationship with the Customer under the Scheme.

## 4. Freedom of information

- **4.1** The Customer may disclose certain information in connection with the Scheme in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2016 (ACT).
- **4.2** Where the Customer has received a request for access to a document created by, or in the possession of, the Supplier or any contingent worker that relates to the performance of the Scheme, the Customer may at any time by written notice require the Supplier to provide the

document to the Customer and the Supplier must, at no additional cost to the Supplier, promptly comply with the notice.

## 5. Confidential Text

- **5.1** In this clause 5, Confidential Text means any text of the Scheme that, for the purposes of the Government Procurement Act 2001 (ACT), either the Customer or the Supplier proposes should not be published and which is specified below in the Customer Order.
- 5.2 In giving effect to the principles of open and accountable government, the Customer may disclose documents and information unless it has otherwise agreed, or is otherwise required under law, to keep the information confidential. In accordance with those principles, the Customer Order may be a notifiable contract under the Government Procurement Act 2001 (ACT) and, if so, the Customer will be required to make the text of the Customer Order available to the public, including by publication on a public contracts register.
- **5.3** If the Customer Order states that it is a notifiable contract under the Government Procurement Act 2001 (ACT) and specifies Confidential Text, the grounds on which the text is confidential will be specified in the Customer Order.
- **5.4** Except as provided in the Customer Order, the Customer must not disclose Confidential Text to any person without the written consent of the Supplier (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) except to the extent that Confidential Text:
  - (a) is required or authorised to be disclosed under law;
  - (b) is reasonably necessary for the enforcement of criminal law;
  - (c) is disclosed to the Customer's solicitors, auditors, insurers or advisers;
  - (d) is generally available to the public;
  - (e) is in the possession of the Customer without restriction in relation to disclosure before the date of receipt from the Supplier;
  - (f) is disclosed by the responsible Minister in reporting to the Legislative Assembly or its committees; or
  - (g) is disclosed to the ombudsman or for a purpose in relation to the protection of public revenue.

## 6. Code of Conduct

- 6.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Customer has prescribed Values and Signature Behaviours under the ACT Public Service Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct). Although Contingent Workers are not employees of the Australian Capital Territory Public Service, the Customer seeks to ensure that all Contingent Workers comply with the Values and Signature Behaviours outlined in the Code of Conduct to provide consistent service delivery to the public. The Code of Conduct is available at chromeextension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/\_\_data/asse ts/pdf\_file/0018/2004921/ACTPS-Code-of-Conduct-2022.pdf.
- 6.2 The Supplier will ensure that Contingent Workers placed with the Customer are aware of and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct when engaged under the Scheme.
- **6.3** The Supplier acknowledges and will ensure that Contingent Workers are aware that Contingent Workers are not employed by the Customer. Notwithstanding the requirement to comply with the Code of Conduct, the participation of Contingent Workers in the Scheme

does not in any way confer any entitlement of employment, benefit or advantage upon Contingent Workers in their provision of Services to the Customer.

## 7. Other policies

- 7.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Customer may require Contingent Workers to comply with its workplace policies as applicable from time to time.
- **7.2** The Supplier agrees to ensure that its Contingent Workers agree to abide by any workplace policies of the Customer as notified to the Supplier from time to time.

### 8. Governing Law

8.1 The governing law for Services provided to the Customer in the Australian Capital Territory will be the laws of the Australian Capital Territory and the Supplier submits to the courts of that jurisdiction.

## 9. Clarification of Clauses

**9.1** In relation to the Australian Capital Territory, any references to "the Customer" in clause 6.1.3 of these Rules, specifically refers to the hiring area or business unit that has engaged that Contingent Worker. Where the Contingent Worker commences employment with a hiring area or business unit that has not engaged them in their capacity as a Contingent Worker, the fee will not be applicable.

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