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Procurement Matters for Buyers

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Procurement Matters from Government Procurement (GP), as part of the new Department of Finance.

On 1 July the Department of Treasury and Finance split into two agencies - details of the changes are included in this edition.

Of significant news for GP is the establishment of the Funding and Contracting Services (FaCS) unit, which will implement the new Delivering Community Services in Partnership (DCSP) Policy. A short article explains this unit's new role.

The newsletter also contains a quick look at the recent Waste Disposal and Recycling Services CUA launch and some research into electricity supply to the public sector.

This edition includes some important things to look out for: CUA changes, events, reviews and renewals for the remainder of 2011.

News

Change of name...change of contacts



On 1 July the Department of Treasury and Finance split in two agencies. As a result, Government Procurement now falls under the Department of Finance. [Read more](#)

Waste Disposal and Recycling Services launched



The redeveloped Waste Disposal and Recycling Services CUA was launched last month at the Optima Centre. [Read more](#)

A new focus on procuring human services



As part of the 2011-12 State Budget, the Government announced that a new unit, Funding and Contracting Services (FaCS) within Government Procurement. [Read more](#)

CUA spotlight

A number of Common Use Arrangements are due for launch, renewal or review this year:

- Microsoft Software
- ICT Equipment Disposal
- Audio Visual Devices
- Document Transfer Services
- Over the Counter Payment Services; and
- Uniforms
 - Category 2 – Off the Shelf Wear
 - Category 3 – Purpose Design Wear

An alternate option for electricity supply

Government is in search of a new approach for electricity supply as rates continue to rise.

A number of Public Authorities with electricity loads of greater than 50 MWh (megawatt per hour) per year are increasingly tendering out for electricity supply in search of savings. Agencies that have a total electricity load of up to 160 MWh per year can remain on tariff, although this is becoming more expensive.

Putting in place a new contract for electricity supply is a complex project.

“The tender process requires a significant amount of resources on both the prospective tenderers’ and the government’s behalf,” said Principal Procurement Consultant Yat-San Chu.

“This is due to the intricacy of the market, and the complex evaluations and negotiations that follow each tender.

“However, it is timely to consider how government is supplied with its electricity, given the recent rate increase on 1 July.”

As a result, Government Procurement's Strategic Sourcing unit is now researching the viability of developing a Common Use Arrangement that will increase the procurement efficiency while optimising savings.

The first step in this process has been the development of a Client Reference Group (CRG).

“We’re keen for Public Authorities to participate on the CRG and contribute to the development of the CUA,” said Yat-San.

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