

Transforming Procurement

Transformation Program Update

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Welcome to the second Transforming Procurement bulletin outlining the changes, assistance and opportunities arising from Government Procurement's (GP) Transformation Program.

The Transformation Program is about reforming the procurement framework to allow for greater agency autonomy in procurement, and create a GP that delivers greater value to the WA Government, improved services to agencies and is more focused on high value, complex and high-risk procurement. It is also the vehicle under which GP will implement the decisions of Government stemming from the Agency Expenditure Review (AER).

A number of resources designed to assist agencies with the transition to the new \$250,000 threshold are now available. These are outlined below and can be accessed via our new [Transforming Procurement](#) webpage.



Changes to SSC Thresholds

From May 2016, agencies will be able to procure up to \$250,000 (inc GST) without involving GP. This reflects the decision by Government to increase the State Supply Commission's (SSC) partial exemption threshold for agencies to autonomously undertake procurements up to \$250,000.

GP has been working to ensure agencies have the capability and capacity to manage their increased procurement independence. The planning for the transfer of GP resources to agencies with out-posted GP staff, to manage their procurement below the new threshold, is well advanced. In addition, various initiatives to help all agencies prepare for the change are now available and are outlined below.

Finally, it is worth remembering that GP will continue to provide procurement services to your agency for procurements above \$250,000 via a centralised team. In addition, our new Strategic Project Support Services team will provide specialised support for high value and high-risk procurement needs.

What's now available

Transforming Procurement Webpage

The [Transforming Procurement](#) webpage on the Department of Finance website is now available. This page provides you with information, tools and resources to support your agency with the change to the partial exemption threshold.

This is also the main medium for agencies to gain information about changes to procurement through the Transformation Program initiative. As the program continues to evolve, information will be updated and new tools and resources will be made available on this webpage. Be sure to continue to visit this webpage in the future to stay on top of all procurement related changes.

Agency Self Assessment Tool

GP has developed the Self Assessment Tool for agencies to assess their capability to procure up to \$250,000. Through the tool, agencies can identify and address gaps in their capability and capacity to manage the higher thresholds. If gaps

are identified, GP will work with you to address the gaps and help your agency meet the new requirements as quickly as possible. In the interim, talk to us about your support needs as you are building capability. More information and access to the Self Assessment Tool can be found on [Transforming Procurement](#).

Training Package

A new training workshop, The Written Quotes Process, is now available to agency staff. It has been specifically designed for agency staff with limited procurement knowledge who may be required to undertake procurement under \$250,000.

The Written Quotes Process is one of a number of training initiatives that will assist agency staff involved in procurement under \$250,000. It forms part of GP's new and comprehensive education framework to build procurement capacity and capability across government.

Further information on training for procurement under \$250,000 can be found on [Transforming Procurement](#).

Templates

GP has simplified a number of procurement templates, starting with those for procurements under the \$250,000 threshold.

These templates are more user-friendly and efficient while maintaining legal and risk management standards. Other procurement templates will be reviewed with the intent to streamline these to assist government with procurement efficiencies.

These new templates, along with all templates relating to procurement under \$250,000, are available from [Transforming Procurement](#).

More Information

We will continue to provide information through these bulletins and other mediums for the remainder of the Transformation Program.

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