

## Public Interest Certificate

Date: 19 Sept 2023

This certificate is issued under section 22(1) of the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018*.

I, Michael Howell, a delegate of the accountable authority for the Department of Defence, confirm that it is not in the public interest for the procurement specified in this certificate to be suspended while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of the Act are being considered, or complaints under section 18 of the Act are being investigated.

<b>Description of goods or services being procured</b>	<p>The proposed new Base Services contracts (BSC) to be implemented through the BST program, will replace the existing BSC's due to expire between June and August 2024.</p> <p>Base Services provide essential estate maintenance and sustainment services to enable and sustain Defence capability and support Defence personnel. Base Services include Building Maintenance, Cleaning, Waste Management, Hospitality and Catering (messing), Land Management, Transport, Access Control and Perimeter Security, and other services that provide the day-to-day sustainment of the Defence Estate and support to Defence personnel.</p> <p>The Base Services Transformation (BST) Program aims to deliver a contract model to sustain Defence capability that is agile to changing government and organisational priorities as well as trends and norms in service delivery.</p>
<b>AusTender ID(s)</b>	<p>The BST Program's Approach to Market (ATM) strategy encompasses a two-stage procurement process.</p> <p>Stage 1: a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on 5 October 2022 and responses closed on 16 December at 12:00PM. Respondents were notified of the outcome on 05 May 2023.</p> <p>Stage 1 (RFP/SEG/BSTP/2022/01) was completed early May 2023 with the shortlisting of select industry participants who will be invited to tender for future Base Service Packages at Stage 2.</p> <p>Stage 2 will occur via a tranche approach</p>

	<p>commencing in September 2023. This PIC will cover all aspects of the Base Services Procurement Activity.</p> <p>The RFT will be released in four tranches throughout calendar years 2023 and 2024, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tranche 1: Base Services Contact Centre and Firefighting Services (Q3 2023)</li> <li>• Tranche 2: Base Security Services and Resource Recovery &amp; Waste Management (Q3 2023)</li> <li>• Tranche 3: Property and Asset Services and Living &amp; Working Services (Q2 2024)</li> <li>• Tranche 4: National Program Service and Project Delivery Services (Q3 2024)</li> </ul> <p>Future AusTender IDs for Stage 2 are expected to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/1A</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/1B</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/2A</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/2B</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/3A</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/3B</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/4A</li> <li>• RFT/SEG/BSTP/2023/4B and</li> <li>• Any other approach(es) to market conducted as part of the Base Services Transformation Program</li> </ul>
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