



# Shire of Murchison Purchasing Policy

Adopted by Council 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## 1. POLICY

The Shire of Murchison is committed to delivering best practice in the purchasing of goods, services and works that align with the principles of transparency, probity and good governance. Procurement processes and practices to be complied with are defined within this Policy.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- To ensure best practice policies and procedures are followed in relation to internal purchasing for the Shire of Murchison.
- To ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (“the Act”) and the *Local Government Act (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* (“the Regulations”).
- To ensure compliance with the *State Records Act 2000* and associated records management practices and procedures of the Local Government.
- To undertake purchasing processes that ensures value for money for the Local Government by delivering the most advantageous outcome possible.
- To ensure openness, transparency, fairness and equity through the purchasing process to all potential suppliers.
- To ensure efficient and consistent purchasing processes are implemented and maintained across the organisation

## 3. ETHICS & INTEGRITY

### 3.1 Code of Conduct

All officers and employees of the Shire of Murchison undertaking purchasing activities must have regard for the Code of Conduct requirements and shall observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity. All officers and employees of the Shire of Murchison must act in an honest and professional manner at all times which supports the standing of the Local Government.

### 3.2 Purchasing Principles

The following principles, standards and behaviours must be observed and enforced through all stages of the purchasing process to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all parties:

- full accountability shall be taken for all purchasing decisions and the efficient, effective and proper expenditure of public monies based on achieving value for money;



- all purchasing practices shall comply with relevant legislation, regulations, and requirements consistent with the Local Government policies and Code of Conduct;
- purchasing is to be undertaken on a competitive basis where all potential suppliers are treated impartially, honestly and consistently;
- all processes, evaluations and decisions shall be transparent, free from bias and fully documented in accordance with applicable policies, audit requirements and relevant legislation;
- any actual or perceived conflicts of interest are to be identified, disclosed and appropriately managed; and
- any information provided to the Local Government by a supplier shall be treated as commercial-in-confidence and should not be released unless authorised by the supplier or relevant legislation.

## 4. VALUE FOR MONEY

### 4.1 Policy

Value for money is an overarching principle governing purchasing which allows the best possible outcome to be achieved for the Local Government. It is important to note that compliance with the purchasing specification is more important than obtaining the lowest price, particularly taking into account user requirements, quality standards, sustainability, life cycle costing and service benchmarks.

### 4.2 Application

An assessment of the best value for money outcome for any purchasing process should consider:

- all relevant whole-of-life costs and benefits (for goods) and whole of contract life costs (for services) including transaction costs associated with acquisition, delivery, distribution, as well as other costs such as but not limited to holding costs, consumables, deployment, maintenance and disposal;
- the technical merits of the goods or services being offered in terms of compliance with specifications, contractual terms and conditions and any relevant methods of assuring quality;
- financial viability and capacity to supply without risk of default (competency of the prospective suppliers in terms of managerial and technical capabilities and compliance history); and
- a strong element of competition in the allocation of orders or the awarding of contracts. This is achieved by obtaining a sufficient number of competitive quotations wherever practicable.

Where a higher priced conforming offer is recommended, there should be clear and demonstrable benefits over and above the lowest total priced, conforming offer.



## 5. PURCHASING THRESHOLDS AND PROCESSES

### 5.1 Legislative / Regulatory Requirements

The requirements that must be complied with by the Local Governments, including purchasing thresholds and processes, are prescribed within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* and this Purchasing Policy.

### 5.2 Policy

Purchasing that is **below \$100,000** in total value (excluding GST) must utilise a Request for Quotation process, either direct to the market or through a panel of pre-qualified suppliers (such as a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract).

Purchasing that **exceeds \$100,000** in total value (excluding GST) must be put to public Tender **unless** a regulatory Tender exemption is utilised by the Local Government. Tender exemptions apply in the following instances:

- an emergency situation as defined by the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- the purchase is from a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract or Business Service. All WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts have been established utilising a competitive public procurement process to pre-qualify suppliers that meet compliance requirements and offer optimal value for money to the Local Government sector.
- the purchase is from a Department of Finance Common Use Arrangements (where Local Government use is permitted), a Regional Local Government;
- the purchase is under auction that has been authorised by Council;
- the contract is for petrol, oil, or other liquid or gas used for internal combustion engines;
- the local government has good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier; or
- any of the other exclusions under Regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* apply.

Determining purchasing value is to be based on the following considerations:

1. The actual or expected value of a contract over the full contract period (including all options to extend); or
2. The extent to which it could be reasonably expected that the Local Government will continue to purchase a particular category of goods, services or works and what total value is or could be reasonably expected to be purchased.



### 5.3 Purchasing Thresholds - Requirements

Below is the purchasing process that must be followed based on the actual or expected value of each purchase by the Local Government:-

Purchasing Thresholds (ex GST)	Purchasing Requirements
Up to and including \$1,000	Goods and services valued (in total) up to \$1,000 do not require the conduct of a competitive process. At least two verbal quotations should be obtained and the purchase should represent value for money. An official Purchase Order should be raised for all such purchases. Details of the quotes obtained must be kept for record keeping purposes.
\$1,000 - \$19,999	<p>Obtain at least three (3) verbal or written quotations (eg email, fax or original copy). Where this is not practical, e.g. due to limited suppliers, it must be noted through records relating to the process. Written notes detailing each verbal quotation must be recorded.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain quotations directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers which include WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts. It is recommended that wherever possible, the Local Government source multiple competitive quotations (at least three Preferred Suppliers) using a simple quotation process either through eQuotes or directly in writing. An official Purchase Order should be raised for all such purchases.</p>
\$20,000 - \$39,999	<p>Obtain at least three (3) written quotations (eg email, fax or original copy) from suppliers. The procurement decision is to be based on all value for money considerations in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain quotations directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers which include WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts. It is recommended that wherever possible, the Local Government source multiple competitive quotations (at least three Preferred Suppliers) using a formal Request for Quotation process either through eQuotes or directly in writing. An official Purchase Order should be raised for all such purchases.</p>
\$40,000 - \$99,999	<p>Obtain at least three (3) written quotations (eg email, fax or original copy) from suppliers containing price and specification of goods and services. The procurement decision is to be based on all value for money considerations in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain quotations directly from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers which include WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts. It is recommended that wherever possible, the Local Government source multiple competitive quotations (at least three Preferred Suppliers) using a formal Request for Quotation process either through eQuotes or directly in writing. An official Purchase Order should be raised for all such purchases.</p>



\$100,000 or above	<p>Conduct a public Tender process in accordance with this policy The procurement decision is to be based on value for money considerations in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Obtain quotations directly from a Tender exempt and pre-qualified panel of suppliers which include WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts. It is recommended that wherever possible, the Local Government source multiple competitive quotations (at least three Preferred Suppliers) using a formal Request for Quotation process either through eQuotes or directly in writing.</p>
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Where considered necessary, a Local Government may consider calling public Tenders in lieu of undertaking a Request for Quotation for purchases under the \$100,000 threshold (excluding GST). This decision should be made after considering the benefits of this approach in comparison with the costs, risks, timeliness and compliance requirements and also whether the purchasing requirement can be met through a pre-qualified panel of suppliers such as WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

If a decision is made to undertake a public Tender for contracts of less than \$100,000, a Request for Tender process entailing all the procedures for tendering outlined in this Policy must be followed in full.

## 5.4 Purchasing Procedures

### 5.4.1 Tender or Request for Quotation through Tender Exempt Panels (\$100,000 or over in value)

For the procurement of goods, services or works where the value exceeds \$100,000, the Local Government must either undertake:

1. a public Tender process; or
2. a Request for Quotation process from a Tender exempt panel of pre-qualified suppliers including WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts (which are specifically designed around Local Government requirements) or State Government Common Use Arrangements (where Local Government access is permitted).

#### Using a Tender Exempt Panel of Pre-Qualified Suppliers

When accessing a Tender exempt panel of pre-qualified suppliers, such as a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract, the Local Government must utilise a Request for Quotation process through eQuotes or in writing direct with the Preferred Suppliers.

In undertaking a Request for Quotation, the Local Government does not need to request that pre-qualified suppliers provide the type of information that is normally provided in a public Tender. The fact that WALGA has already undertaken a public procurement process and has pre-qualified each Preferred Supplier means that this information has already been obtained and validated.



Additionally, the Local Government does not need to use its own contractual terms and conditions given that WALGA has already developed best practice contractual terms and conditions which have been accepted by every Preferred Supplier. These contractual terms and conditions ensure that the interests of the Local Government are fully protected.

Keeping the scope of the Request for Quotation focused on the Specification and the selection criteria that will be utilised by the Local Government to assess different quotations will ensure that only the required information is sought from Preferred Suppliers and the response process is streamlined.

Responses from Preferred Suppliers should be in writing and contain the price and a sufficient amount of information that addresses the Specification and selection criteria provided by the Local Government.

### **eQuotes**

eQuotes is a secure, web-based procurement tool that streamlines and simplifies the Request for Quotation process with WALGA Preferred Suppliers at the same time as facilitating purchasing compliance, probity and control over all aspects of purchasing.

All WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts are available on eQuotes and all necessary contract information is preloaded to enable informed procurement choices, including contract details, insurances, pricing (where applicable) etc.

### **Request for Quotation Process**

In the event that a Local Government elects to call a Request for Quotation, the following process should be followed:

- The Request for Quotation documentation must include:
  - written Specification that communicates the requirement(s) in a clear, concise and logical fashion;
  - selection criteria to be applied;
  - price schedule;
  - conditions of responding; and
  - validity period of offer.
- Invitations to quote must be issued simultaneously to ensure that all parties receive an equal opportunity to respond. This can be done through eQuotes or directly to suppliers.
- New information that is likely to change the requirements must be offered to all prospective suppliers at the same time.
- Written responses must be assessed for compliance, then against the selection criteria, and then value for money. All evaluations must be documented.
- Respondents must be advised in writing as soon as possible after the final determination is made and approved.

For this procurement range, selection **must** be based on value for money (in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy) and which quotation would be most advantageous to the Local Government.



The evaluation process should include an assessment of qualitative factors such as quality, stock availability, accreditation, time for completion or delivery, warranty conditions, technology, maintenance requirements, organisation's capability, previous relevant experience, environmental and social impacts, corporate social responsibility and any other relevant factors as part of the assessment of the supplier's response.

The Local Government can utilise the flexible nature of WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts to leverage optimal value for money through the competitive nature of the quotation process and based on their purchasing intent (eg volume or value of items to be purchased, period of contract etc). Additionally, when using a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract the Local Government may negotiate with the highest rated Preferred Supplier from the evaluation process. This does not rule out the other Preferred Suppliers until successful conclusion of negotiations via award of contract.

The responsible officer is expected to demonstrate due diligence when conducting a Request for Quotation process and must comply with any record keeping and audit requirements. Record keeping requirements must be maintained in accordance with record keeping policies.

### **Public Tender**

In the event that the Shire of Murchison elects to call a public Tender:

- Before Tenders are publicly invited, the Local Government must record the decision to invite Tenders (which is to be recorded in the Tender Register) and must determine in writing the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted.
- The Evaluation Panel must be established prior to the advertising of the Tender and include a mix of skills and experience relevant to the nature of the purchase. For Tenders with a total estimated value (ex GST) of between \$40,000 and \$99,999, the Evaluation Panel must contain a minimum of two (2) members. For Tenders with a total estimated value (ex GST) of \$100,000 and above, the Evaluation Panel must contain a minimum of three (3) members.
- A Tender Notice must be advertised in a State wide publication e.g. "The West Australian" newspaper (Local Government Tenders section), preferably on a Wednesday or Saturday.
- The Tender must remain open for at least 14 days after the date the Tender is advertised. Care must be taken to ensure that 14 **full** days are provided as a minimum.
- The Tender Notice must include:
  - a brief description of the goods or services required;
  - information as to where and how Tenders may be submitted;
  - the date and time after which Tenders cannot be submitted; and
  - a contact person to supply more detailed information if required. Detailed information must include:
    - such information as the Local Government decides should be disclosed to those interested in submitting a Tender response;
    - detailed specifications of the goods or services required;



- the criteria for deciding which Tender response should be accepted;
  - whether or not the Local Government has decided to submit a Tender response; and
  - whether or not Tender responses can be submitted by facsimile or other electronic means, and if so, how Tenders may so be submitted.
- Tenders must not be made available (counter, mail, internet, referral, or other means) without a robust process to ensure the recording of details of all parties who acquire the documentation. If clarifications, addendums or further communication are required prior to the close of Tenders, all potential Tenderers must have equal access to this information in order for the Local Government not to compromise its duty to be fair.
  - If, after the Tender has been publicly advertised, any changes, variations or adjustments to the Tender document and/or the Conditions of Tender are required, the Local Government may vary the initial information by taking reasonable steps to give each person who has sought copies of the Tender documents notice of the variation.
  - A Tender response that is not received in full in the required format by the advertised Tender Deadline must be rejected.
  - No tenders are to be removed from the Tender Box or opened (read or evaluated) prior to the Tender Deadline.
  - Tenders are to be opened in the presence of the Chief Executive Officer's delegated nominee and preferably at least one other Local Government officer. The details of all Tender responses received and opened must be recorded in the Tenders Register. Tender responses are to be opened in accordance with the advertised time and place. There is no obligation to disclose or record tendered prices at the Tender opening, and price information should be regarded as *commercial-in-confidence* to the Local Government. Members of the public are entitled to be present.
  - The Tenderer's offer form, price schedule and other appropriate pages from each Tender shall be date stamped and initialled by at least two (2) Local Government officers present at the opening of Tender responses.
  - Where the Local Government has invited Tender responses and no compliant submissions have been received; direct purchases can be arranged on the basis of the following:
    - a sufficient number of quotations are obtained;
    - the process follows the guidelines for seeking quotations (see Request for Quotation process on page 6);
    - the specification for goods and/or services remains unchanged; and
    - purchasing is arranged within six (6) months of the closing date of the lapsed Tender.
  - Tender responses that have not been rejected must be assessed by the Local Government by means of a written evaluation against the pre-determined criteria. The Evaluation Panel must assess each Tender response that has not been rejected to determine which response is most advantageous.
  - If after the Tender has been publicly advertised and a successful Tenderer has been chosen, and before the Local Government and Tenderer have entered into a contract, a minor variation may be made by the Local Government. A minor variation may **not** alter the nature of the goods and/or services procured, nor may it materially alter the specification or structure provided for by the initial Tender.





- Each Tenderer shall be notified of the outcome of the Tender following Council resolution or appropriate delegated authority. Notification must include:
  - The name of the successful Tenderer.
  - The total value of consideration of the winning offer.
- The details and total value of consideration for the winning offer must be entered into the Tenders Register at the conclusion of the Tender process.

For this procurement range, selection of Tenderer **must** be based on value for money (in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy) and which Tender response would be most advantageous to the Local Government.

To comply with the requirements of Regulation 18(4) of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*, the Tender evaluation process must provide a written assessment of the extent that each Tender response satisfies the criteria which was set prior to advertising the Tender. This should include an assessment of qualitative factors such as quality, stock availability, accreditation, time for completion or delivery, warranty conditions, technology, maintenance requirements, organisation's capability, previous relevant experience, environmental and social impacts, corporate social responsibility and any other relevant factors as part of the assessment of the Tender response.

The responsible officer is expected to demonstrate due diligence when conducting a public Tender and must comply with any record keeping and audit requirements.

#### **5.4.2 Request for Quotation (\$40,000 or over to \$99,999 in value)**

For the procurement of goods or services where the value exceeds \$40,000 but is less than \$99,999, it is recommended that at least three (3) written quotations be obtained from the market or from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers including WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

In the event that a Local Government elects to call a Request for Quotation, the following process should be followed:

- Provide a Request for Quotation that includes as a minimum:
  - written Specification that communicates the requirement(s) in a clear, concise and logical fashion;
  - selection criteria to be applied;
  - price schedule;
  - conditions of responding; and
  - validity period of offer.
- Invitations to quote must be issued simultaneously to ensure that all parties receive an equal opportunity to respond. This can be done through eQuotes or directly to suppliers.
- New information that is likely to change the requirements must be offered to all prospective suppliers at the same time.
- Written responses must be assessed for compliance, then against the selection criteria, and then value for money. All evaluations must be documented.
- Respondents must be advised in writing as soon as possible after the final determination is made and approved.



Requests for Quotation to a panel of pre-qualified suppliers, such as a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract, should be undertaken through eQuotes or in writing directly with the Preferred Suppliers. Responses from Preferred Suppliers should be in writing and contain the price and a sufficient amount of information that addresses the Specification and selection criteria provided by the Local Government.

For this procurement range, selection of supplier should be based on value for money (in accordance with the definition stated within this Policy) and the response which would be most advantageous to the Local Government.

The evaluation of quotations should consider qualitative factors such as quality, stock availability, accreditation, time for completion or delivery, warranty conditions, technology, maintenance requirements, organisation's capability, previous relevant experience, environmental and social impacts, corporate social responsibility and any other relevant factors as part of the assessment of the quote).

The Local Government can utilise the flexible nature of WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts to leverage optimal value for money through the competitive nature of the quotation process and based on their purchasing intent (eg volume or value of items to be purchased, period of contract etc). Additionally, when using a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract the Local Government may negotiate with the highest rated supplier from the evaluation process. This does not rule out the other suppliers until successful conclusion of negotiations via award of contract.

The responsible officer is expected to demonstrate due diligence seeking quotes and to comply with any record keeping and audit requirements. Record keeping requirements must be maintained in accordance with record keeping policies.

#### **5.4.3 Request for Quotation (under \$40,000 in value)**

##### **Written Requests for Quotations**

For the procurement of goods or services where the value is under \$40,000, it is recommended that at least three (3) written quotations be obtained from the market or from a pre-qualified panel of suppliers including WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts. Verbal quotes may be obtained for goods or services between \$1,001 and \$19,999, or a combination of written and verbal.

In the event that a Local Government elects to call a Request for Quotation, the following process should be followed:

- Provide a simple Request for Quotation document that outlines the key elements of the process and requires written quotations.
- Provide an appropriately detailed written Specification that communicates the requirement(s) in a clear, concise and logical fashion.
- Invitations to quote must be issued simultaneously to ensure that all parties receive an equal opportunity to respond. This can be done through eQuotes or directly to suppliers.
- New information that is likely to change the requirements must be offered to all prospective suppliers at the same time.



- Written responses must be assessed for compliance, then against the selection criteria, and then value for money. All evaluations must be documented.
- Respondents must be advised in writing as soon as possible after the final determination is made and approved.

Requests for Quotation to a panel of pre-qualified suppliers, such as a WALGA Preferred Supply Contract, should be undertaken through eQuotes or in writing directly with the Preferred Suppliers. Responses from Preferred Suppliers should be in writing and contain the price and a sufficient amount of information that addresses the Specification and selection criteria provided by the Local Government.

The responsible officer is expected to demonstrate due diligence seeking quotes and to comply with any record keeping and audit requirements.

### **Verbal Requests for Quotations**

For the procurement of goods or services where the value is under \$1,000 the Local Government may undertake a verbal Request for Quotation process. Verbal quotes may be obtained for goods or services between \$1,001 and \$19,999, or a combination of written and verbal

At least two (2) quotations must be obtained from the market or the Local Government may purchase from a Tender exempt panel of pre-qualified suppliers including WALGA Preferred Supply Contracts.

The requirements relating to verbal quotations are:

- Ensure that the requirement/specification is clearly understood by the Local Government employee seeking the verbal quotations.
- Ensure that the requirement is clearly, accurately and consistently communicated to each of the suppliers being invited to quote.
- Ensure that all quotations from suppliers are in writing and/or refer to a pricing list in an email, website or catalogue.

The responsible officer is expected to demonstrate due diligence seeking quotes and to comply with any record keeping and audit requirements.

## **6. RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

### **Policy**

Records of all Tenders and Requests for Quotation must be retained in compliance with the *State Records Act 2000 (WA)* and the Local Government's internal Records Management Policy.

### **Application**

All records associated with the Tender or Request for Quotation process must be recorded and retained.

For a Tender process, this includes:



- Tender documentation.
- Internal documentation.
- Evaluation documentation.
- Enquiry and response documentation.
- Approval documentation.
- Notification and award documentation.

For a Request for Quotation process, this includes:

- Quotation documentation
- Internal documentation.
- Approval documentation.
- Order forms and requisitions.

## 7. SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sustainable Procurement is defined as the purchasing of goods and services that have less environmental and social impacts than competing products and services.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in procurement is defined as purchasing which provides preference to organisations that can demonstrate compliance with ethical and regulatory standards and can demonstrate making a positive impact on the communities and markets in which they operate. ISO 26000 provides guidance on how Local Governments can procure goods and services in a socially responsible way.

### Policy

The Shire of Murchison is committed to providing a preference to organisations that demonstrate both sustainable business practices and high levels of corporate social responsibility. Where appropriate, the Local Government shall endeavour to design Requests for Quotation and Tenders to provide an advantage to suppliers demonstrating that they minimise environmental and negative social impacts and embrace CSR. Sustainable and CSR considerations must be balanced against value for money outcomes in accordance with the Local Government's sustainability objectives.

### Application

In practical terms sustainability and corporate social responsibility in procurement means the Local Government shall endeavour at all times to identify and purchase products and services that:

- have been determined as necessary;
- demonstrate environmental best practice in energy efficiency/and or consumption which can be demonstrated through suitable rating systems and eco-labelling;
- demonstrate environmental best practice in water efficiency;



- are environmentally sound in manufacture, use, and disposal with a specific preference for products made using the minimum amount of raw materials from a sustainable resource, are free of toxic or polluting materials and consume minimal energy during the production stage;
- can be refurbished, reused, recycled or reclaimed. Those that are designed for ease of recycling, re-manufacture or otherwise to minimise waste will be given priority;
- demonstrate a regard for the local economy and a supply chain that supports local business development;
- are ethically sourced from sustainable and fair trade supply chains;
- (with regards to motor vehicles) feature the highest fuel efficiency available, based on vehicle type and within the designated price range; and
- (with regards to new buildings and refurbishments) use renewable energy and technologies where available.

## 8. BUY LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRICE PREFERENCE

### 8.1 Buy Local

#### Policy

Under the State Government's Buy Local Policy, Government Agencies and Local Governments are encouraged to maximise participation of local and small businesses in the supply of goods, services and works purchased or contracted by government agencies.

A key goal in this policy is open and fair competition to ensure that Western Australian businesses are provided with every opportunity to bid for work. It is recognised that not every category of goods, services or works that is purchased by Local Government will lend itself to supply by local businesses.

#### Application

As much as practicable, Local Government purchasing must:

- ensure that buying practices, procedures and specifications do not unfairly disadvantage local businesses;
- ensure that procurement plans address local business capability and local content;
- explore the capability of local businesses to meet requirements and ensure that Requests for Quotation and Tenders are designed to accommodate the capabilities of local businesses;
- avoid bias in the design and specifications for Requests for Quotation and Tenders – all Requests must be structured to encourage local businesses to bid; and
- provide adequate and consistent information to potential suppliers.



## 8.2 Regional Price Preference

### Policy

Non-metropolitan Local Governments are permitted to adopt a policy which provides a regional price preference to be given to suppliers located outside the metropolitan area.

### Application

Where a non-metropolitan Local Government has formally adopted a Regional Price Preference Policy, it may give a price preference to a regional Tenderer by reducing the bid price by:

- (a) 10% — where the contract is for goods or services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50 000;
- (b) 5% — where the contract is for construction (building) services, up to a maximum price reduction of \$50 000; or
- (c) 10% — where the contract is for goods or services (including construction (building) services), up to a maximum price reduction of \$500,000, if seeking Tenders for the provision of those goods or services for the first time, due to those goods or services having been, until then, undertaken by the Local Government.

The requirements for adopting a Regional Price Preference Policy are set out in Regulation 24E of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

## 9. PURCHASING FROM WA DISABILITY ENTERPRISES

### Policy

Pursuant to State Government policy, Local Governments are encouraged to consider the option of purchasing goods and services from registered WA Disability Enterprises. This is contingent on the provision of fair value and quality.

### Application

Local Governments are encouraged to invite relevant WA Disability Enterprises to respond to a Request for Quotation or Tender for goods or services. Determining the purchasing process to be followed is based on the actual or expected value of each purchase by the Local Government as outlined above in Section 5 (Purchasing Thresholds and Processes) of this Policy. There are seven (7) Disability Enterprises registered in Western Australia.

A complete list of approved organisations is available from the following website:  
[www.wade.org.au](http://www.wade.org.au)



## 10. ADOPTION

Adoption of this Purchasing Policy was endorsed by the Local Government on:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
CEO	20/03/2015	Jenny Goodbourn
President	20/03/2015	Mark Halleen