



Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project

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Industry participation plan

FACT SHEET

The Ord-East Kimberley Expansion Project (OEKEP) involves an investment of \$220 million, through the Royalties for Regions fund, to develop and deliver agricultural land and supporting infrastructure including off-farm water supply, drainage and roads. Up to \$15 million a month is forecast to be spent in 2009-2011 to deliver the civil works component of the project.

Western Australia's procurement strategy aims to maximise local industry participation and regional benefits. It is essential that the procurement process also provides the best possible outcomes for the traditional owners of land in the project area, the Miriwung and Gajerrong (MG) people, while ensuring value for money in the delivery of the infrastructure and associated initiatives.

This fact sheet outlines the measures that will be applied to direct state contracts, subcontracts and third party contracts where the state may have direct, indirect or vested interests. These may include areas such as regional benefits, indigenous business development, training initiatives, and social objectives.



Local industry participation principles

The state's five point plan:

- 1. Assess** *the scope of project works to identify the local industry participation opportunities. This may include categorising tasks into construction, operation, support and supply activities.*
- 2. Empower** *MG people by giving preferences that establish sustainable long-term business relationships with the MG people and/or the MG Corporation.*
- 3. Require** *that respondents to major government contracts outline their proposed local content approach including how they will manage and maximise the use of local businesses and people in the delivery of tendered works, and cascade them to all tiers of their supply/services chain.*
- 4. Seek** *to maximise employment and economic benefits to the region and state through the encouragement and support of local industry participation.*
- 5. Ensure** *full, fair and reasonable opportunity for local industry to bid and be considered for all project contracts and sub-contracts.*

The Western Australian Government will also be encouraging contracting agencies to actively explore local industry participation opportunities in the delivery of the Australian Government's \$195 million social infrastructure package.

Specific initiatives

- Establishment of an Aboriginal Development Package to facilitate employment, training and business development opportunities for the MG people.
- Issuing early tender advice notices to inform local industry of upcoming project opportunities including regular public forums, newsletters and industry briefings.
- A capabilities register, Kimberleybiz, as a tool for registering local businesses' goods and services. The register will be promoted at public forums and industry briefings, in newsletters and on government websites. www.kimberleybiz.com.au
- A Community Reference Group (CRG) to help shape project requirements and act as a communication conduit to advise the community of key milestones and activities and raise awareness of the project.
- A project specific website that is regularly updated with news, events and frequently asked questions from public forums, industry briefings and email queries. www.royaltiesforregions.wa.gov.au/ord
- Give preference to tender/contract respondents who demonstrate how they will engage and use local businesses, MG people, and other indigenous people.

Project timelines

Road and irrigation infrastructure

The construction of the civil works will be split into Phase 1 and Phase 2 works which correspond with the 2010 and 2011 dry seasons (May-November). However, activities such as planning, approvals and design work can occur concurrently. Indicative timelines are given below for the road and irrigation infrastructure works, including the selection of the Head Contractor who will manage most of the civil works.

Head Contractor Selection	
Select preferred contractor for Phases 1 and 2	early Feb 2010
Award contract for Phase 1 works and Phase 2 Early Contractor Involvement (ECI)	mid March 2010
Construction	
Commence Phase 1 construction on site	May 2010
Complete ECI and agree Terms and Conditions for Phase 2 works	Sept 2010
Award Phase 2 works	Nov 2010
Complete all works	Nov 2011

More information

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