

Tasmanian Industry Participation Plan Executive Summary

PP0000726 - Construction of Northwest Dynamic Reactive Support Port Latta Substation STATCOM

Procurement details

Procurement ID	PP0000726
Procurement title	Construction of Northwest Dynamic Reactive Support Port Latta Substation STATCOM
Name of Responsible Agency/Entity	TasNetworks

Supplier details

Name of supplier	RBD Electrical Contractors Pty Ltd
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Executive summary

The impact of the business;

RBD Electrical is a wholly Tasmanian family owned and operated SME employing around 100 staff between our Devonport and Hobart Branches. RBD and its subcontractors will resource the project with 100% Tasmanian-based labour.

The project will support the maintenance of around 10 existing Tasmanian jobs as well as providing apprentice training. Being successfully awarded this project would continue to support RBD employing up to 8 apprentices each year and ideally source 2 trades staff with experience in this area.

The goods and services to be utilised in the contract

RBD Electrical recognises the importance of Tasmania's skilled labour, particularly in the utilities sector. In the setting of Tasmania's growing population, we believe that the engagement of skilled local companies in this work is critical to ensuring that opportunities are created, and people are properly trained in, electrical utilities work.

This contract is primarily for service delivery with limited goods supply. If successful, RBD intents of engaging local services is detailed below.

Materials and equipment are also sourced from Tasmanian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. The bulk of the goods for this project purchased by the contractor are civil products, cable and conduit which will be Australian made. Miscellaneous small products are sourced through the Tasmanian distributors.

Identified goods and/or services	Total estimated value	Name of supplier anticipated to be used	Location of supplier	CoE (country of origin of any goods or services)	If supplier not yet determined, is there a local SME market for same? (yes/no)
Civil Works	1.2m	Batchelor Construction Group	Hobart	Tasmania	N/A
Commissioning	180K	Megavar	Hobart	Tasmania	N/A
Local Suppliers for consumables	120K	D&W Devonport	Devonport	AUS / Tasmania	N/A

Any broader economic and social benefits.

Economic

RBD Electrical is firmly committed to making a positive contribution to the Tasmanian economy. The following points outline how the economy would benefit from RBD's engagement in this project:

- Employment of RBD's own Tasmanian technical, management and administrative staff.
- Continued growth of RBD Electrical as a wholly Tasmanian owned and operated SME.
- Employment of our subcontractor's Tasmanian staff.
- Employment of Tasmanians through local wholesalers and agents where materials would be sourced.
- Employment and growth of Tasmanian based manufacturers for civil materials.
- RBD is an active employer of apprentices and typically employ up to 8 new apprentices every year. As the number of tradesmen increases so does the capacity to employ more apprentices, this helps in ensuring Tasmania maintains a strong skills base into the future.
- Being a large project over 6 months, this will add to our electrical tradesmen skills in the substation environment.

Social Benefits

Specialist work such as the work in this contract encourages the retention of specialist skilled labour within Tasmania when engaged by Tasmanian businesses. A number of Tasmanian

sporting and charitable organisations also benefit from regular donations from RBD to support small enterprises including:

- Canteen
- Movember
- Latrobe High School
- Lions Club Devonport
- Fairbrother Foundation
- Down Syndrome Foundation
- The Kentish Rowing club
- Australian Red Cross
- JCP Empowering Youth Program
- Devonport Cricket Club
- Thirlstane Golf Club
- Devonport Surf Club
- Pennicott Foundation
- Port Sorell Lifesaving Club
- MS Research
- Brighton football club