

Buy Logan Policy

Policy Details

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1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to develop competitive local businesses and industry by providing a governing framework to maximise opportunities for local businesses when bidding for Council's contracts.

The outcome of this Policy is to give local businesses the opportunity to quote or tender on Council's goods, services and works. This Policy will assist in supporting local businesses and create the opportunity for businesses to grow their business and create employment opportunities within the City of Logan.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to all Council employees and contractors working for Council regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this Policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors.

3. Policy Statement

This Policy enables Council to support both local businesses and employers who decide to develop their operations in the City of Logan. Pursuant to section 104 of the Act, consideration must be given to the Sound Contracting Principles for the development of competitive local business and industry. Council plays a vital role in ensuring local businesses and industry are given every opportunity to compete for Council's business.

This Policy acknowledges that value for money goes beyond choosing the cheapest price and instead considers the potential investment in local businesses and genuine employment opportunities for Logan businesses (best value). This might include creating new jobs, ensuring sustainability of existing local jobs or upskilling local workforces and creating new opportunities.

In accordance with the Act, Regulation and Contract Manual, Council must invite written quotations when entering into a medium sized contractual arrangement with a supplier between the value of \$50,001 and \$500,000 (ex. GST) and invite public tenders when entering into a large sized contractual arrangement over \$500,000 (ex. GST).

Local Business Invitation Process:

Council utilises an online gateway portal through VendorPanel (MarketPlace) for businesses to register and promote themselves to Council. This portal offers an easier, faster and more targeted way of finding local businesses for different services and expertise.

MarketPlace is used by Council staff when there is no contract available or identifiable for the goods or services required. This process makes it easier for Council staff to engage with local businesses and in turn gives greater access for suppliers to gain Council opportunities. The use of MarketPlace is preferred for all quotation activities and is mandatory for all quotation activities that exceed \$50,000 (ex GST).

Quotations (up to \$50,000 ex. GST):

Council staff must source a minimum of one (1) written quote from suitability qualified local business in the first instance. Only when local businesses cannot supply, are not considered capable or do not represent value for money, can other quotes be sourced from businesses outside of the Local Business Boundary.

Quotations (more than \$50,000 but less than \$500,000 ex. GST):

Council staff must invite a minimum of three (3) written quotes from suitably qualified local businesses in the first instances. Only when local businesses cannot supply, are not considered capable or do not represent value for money, can other quotes be invited from businesses outside of the Local Business Boundary.

In instances where the supply market does not exist in Logan (with evidence to support), the quotation will include the identification of local benefits to ensure best value decision making. The delegate for the procurement expenditure must be satisfied that such decision making reflects the most advantageous outcome for Council.

Tender and Expression of Interest (more than \$500,000 ex. GST):

For all tenders and expressions of interest, Council will:

- identify if the tender or expression of interest can be targeted to or adapted to encourage local participation;
- identify the barriers and limitations of the local supply market and consider opportunities to reduce;
- develop evaluation criteria and response questions that identify respondents/tenderers overall commitment to local benefits; and
- develop key performance indicators and measure reporting requirements for local benefits.

Where the supply market in Logan is assessed as being capable, a mandatory ten percent (10%) Local Business weighting and five (5%) local benefits weighting is to be used and will be included in Council's non-price scoring criteria for all request for tender or expression of interest activities.

Local Business weighting is to be scored in order of preference:

Description	Weighting
Logan based business	10%
South East Queensland business	6%
Queensland business	4%
Australian business	2%
Overseas business	0%

In instances where the supply market does not exist in Logan (with evidence to support), a mandatory fifteen (15%) Local Benefits non-price evaluation weighting criteria is applied to deliver local growth and economic contribution. This will be reported to reflect Local Benefit Business.

By prioritising the use of local businesses, we are putting our community first in creating and supporting quality local jobs that create genuine connections within the community and help to reduce long-term unemployment.

Procurement Policies Procedure

All decisions and/or actions made under this policy must be made in accordance with the Contract Manual.

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy and the associated procedure.

TERM	DEFINITION
Best Value	Best Value considers financial and non-financial costs and benefits. This includes competitive whole-of life pricing, with the ability to generate a blend of social, economic and environmental outcomes for the City of Logan.
Local Business	A supplier of goods, services or works who maintains a workforce and whose business premise is physically located within the City of Logan's Local Government boundary.
Local Business Boundary	All businesses that are within the City of Logan's Local Government boundaries
Local Benefit Business	A business who is located outside the City of Logan's Local Government boundaries that have committed to achieve local benefit outcomes that create local business development opportunities to increase local jobs and stimulate the Logan economy.

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Local Benefits	<p>A commitment to putting Logan jobs first. This may include creating new jobs, ensuring sustainability of existing local jobs or upskilling local workforces; and/or</p> <p>A commitment to local development initiatives and growth initiatives for the local market and community. These potential examples may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sourcing goods, services, plant and/or equipment for the purpose of the contract from Logan businesses • Investing in local apprenticeship and trainee schemes • Providing new jobs, skills transfer and local training and career development opportunities • Member of the Chambers of Commerce • Introducing new innovations that foster new markets and eco-systems in the local market
Procurement/contracting activity of a local government	<p>Activities for the making of a contract for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the carrying out of work or the provision of goods and services; or • the disposal of valuable non-current asset.

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