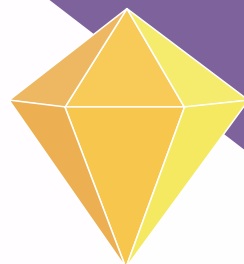




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Department of Finance



2024 Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Conference and Awards for Excellence

Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton, ACT
25–26 November 2024



Acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Owners

The Department of Finance acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the land in which we live and work, and we acknowledge their continuing connection to country, waters and community.

We pay our respects to all elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



About the conference

The Department of Finance is hosting the inaugural Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Conference and Awards for Excellence on 25–26 November 2024 in Canberra.

The Conference brings together procurement and contract management officials from across the Australian Public Service (APS), representatives from the private sector, procurement and contract management leaders and international delegates.

The Conference will feature expert panellists, interactive sessions and sector leaders and offers a unique opportunity for attendees to connect with experts, leaders and colleagues, share best practice, and explore solutions to drive positive outcomes across the public sector.

The Conference will conclude with the 2024 Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Awards for Excellence which showcases better practice, innovation, and positive entity achievements in procurement and contract management.

Conference themes

The Conference program centres around three core themes:



Impact

Explore innovative approaches to procurement and build your knowledge on how you can deliver broader benefits to the Australian economy and deliver social and environmental impact through procurement and contracting.



Integrity

Improve your understanding of APS governance frameworks to enhance compliance and transparency.



Inclusion

Learn how the APS can access a greater breadth of skills, experience and capabilities through procurement and provide opportunities for more businesses to participate in the economy.





Ask a question!

To facilitate questions, the conference will use the Slido app. Scan the QR code with your device to ask a question.



Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Awards for Excellence

The Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Awards for Excellence spotlight the essential role procurement plays in delivering services and achieving outcomes for the Australian government, the business community and Australian citizens. Since its inception in 2019, the Awards for Excellence have continued to grow in prominence, providing a platform to showcase strategic and innovative approaches to Commonwealth procurement and contract management and raising the profile of procurement as a strategic enabler.

This year's Award categories are:

Building Entity Capability – Recognising leadership or excellence in building procurement capability across an entity to ensure that all procurements deliver value for money.

Generating Broader Benefits to the Australian Economy through Procurement – Recognising strategies or approaches to procurement which generate outcomes and value to Australia above and beyond the value of the goods and services being procured.

Encouraging Environmental Sustainability through Procurement – Recognising leadership in embedding environmental sustainability practices, such as using recycled content, into procurement design and delivery, including the effective management of ongoing arrangements.

Following the presentation of the Awards, each of the winners will provide a short presentation to showcase their project.

Exhibition zone

The Conference will feature an exhibition zone to showcase the capabilities and service offerings available to the APS through strategic panel arrangements, procurement and contract management professional memberships and supplier advocates and intermediaries.



Keynote address

We are pleased to announce that Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for a Future Made in Australia, will open the 2024 Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Conference.



Welcome to Country

The Department of Finance is grateful that Ngunnawal Elder Selina Walker will deliver a Welcome to Country at the opening of the conference.



Program

Day one – Monday 25 November 2024

Time	Session	Theme	Location
9.00 am	Conference opens Richard Windeyer, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance.		Main room
9.05 am	Welcome to Country Selina Walker, Ngunnawal Elder.		Main room
9.15 am	Keynote address Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for a Future Made in Australia.	Impact Integrity Inclusion	Main room
9.30 am	Building capability within Australian industry and the APS Julia Pickworth, Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Science and Resources. Richard Windeyer, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance. <i>Session facilitator: Sabrena King, Assistant Secretary, Procurement Capability, Department of Finance.</i>	Impact	Main room
10.10 am	New Zealand Government procurement Laurence Pidcock, General Manager, New Zealand Government Procurement, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.	Impact	Main room
10.45 am	Morning tea		Foyer
11.15 am	Reducing barriers to participation for small business, Indigenous owned business and regional business Tony Murphy, General Manager Procurement, Supply & Fleet, Australian Rail Track Corporation. Shane Dexter, Branch Manager, Business and Economic Policy, National Indigenous Australians Agency. Nicholas Plowman, Assistant Secretary, Non-materiel Procurement, Department of Defence. <i>Session facilitator: Gareth Sebar, Assistant Secretary, Procurement Policy and Systems, Department of Finance.</i>	Inclusion	Room 1
	Maximising value: Strategies for getting the most from panels Rob Bradley, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Contracting, Department of Finance. George Sotiropoulos, Group Executive Director, Performance Statements Audit Services Group, Australian National Audit Office. <i>Session facilitator: Sabrena King, Assistant Secretary, Procurement Capability, Department of Finance.</i>	Impact	Room 2
	Certifying integrity: the role of membership associations Charlotte Payne, General Manager, Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply. Sharon Morris, Group Regional Head, APAC, World Commerce and Contracting Association.	Integrity	Room 3



Time	Session	Theme	Location
12.00 pm	<p>Mitigating modern slavery risk in procurement</p> <p>Kathryn Haigh, First Assistant Secretary, Legal Services and Modern Slavery Division, Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>Dr. James Cockayne, New South Wales Anti-slavery Commissioner.</p> <p><i>Session facilitator: Alex Cassie, DISR Lead, APS Procurement and Contract Management Profession, Department of Industry, Science and Resources.</i></p>	Integrity	Room 1
	<p>Supplier perspective: The impact of entity procurement practices on small business</p> <p>Georgina Legoe, Co-founder and Partner, Icenii.</p> <p>Nick Chapman, Founder and Partner, Parbery Consulting.</p> <p>John Sidey, Partner, ConceptSix.</p> <p><i>Session facilitator: Richard Windeyer, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance.</i></p>	Inclusion	Room 2
	<p>Buying better: Reducing environmental impact through government procurement</p> <p>Chloë Bird, Branch Head, Supply Chain Initiatives, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.</p> <p>Alice Fenwick, Director Target Implementation and Governance, Climate Action and Property Data Branch, Department of Finance.</p>	Impact	Room 3
12.45 pm	Lunch		Foyer
1.30 pm	<p>Building entity capability through effective contract management</p> <p>Andrew Nipe, Chief Consulting Officer, Australian Government Consulting, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Robert Coffey, Assistant Secretary, External Workforce Reform, Department of Defence.</p> <p><i>Session facilitator: Julia Pickworth, Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Science and Resources.</i></p>	Impact	Main room
2.15 pm	<p>Fraud, corruption and collusion in procurement</p> <p>The Hon Paul Brereton AM RFD SC, Commissioner, National Anti-Corruption Commission.</p>	Integrity	Main room
2.45 pm	Afternoon tea		Foyer
3.15 pm	<p>Delivering a positive social impact through procurement</p> <p>Cheryl Grey, Australian Representative, WEConnect International and Oceania.</p> <p>Tara Anderson, Chief Executive Officer, Social Traders.</p> <p>Neil Santos, Relationship Manager ACT, Supply Nation.</p> <p><i>Session facilitator: Racheal Kuczma, First Assistant Secretary, Procurement and Contracting, Department of Defence.</i></p>	Impact and Inclusion	Main room
4.00 pm	<p>The benefits of industry engagement</p> <p>John Chapman OAM, Industry Advocate, Government of South Australia.</p>	Inclusion	Main room



Day two – Tuesday 26 November 2024

Time	Session	Theme	Room
9.15 am	Opening address and Acknowledgement of Country Andrew Danks, First Assistant Secretary, Procurement Division, Department of Finance.		Main room
9.30 am	A jurisdiction's perspective – challenges in delivering value for money procurements Kate Ingham, Deputy Director General, Western Australian Government Department of Finance. Andrew Bennett, Deputy Director-General, Queensland Government Procurement. Sanaz Mirzabegian, Executive Group Manager, Procurement ACT. <i>Session facilitator: Teresa Scott, Executive Director, Australasian Procurement and Construction Council.</i>	Impact	Main room
10.15 am	A pacific nation's perspective: Timor-Leste Mr Hermingardo Albano Soares, Director, The National Procurement Commission of Timor-Leste.	Impact	Main room
11.00 am	Morning Tea		Foyer
11.30 am	Building your contract negotiation toolkit Rachael Lewis, Practice leader, Mergers & Acquisitions, King & Wood Mallesons. Simon Kelland, Chairman and Partner, Scotwork Australia. Anush Avakian, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Procurement, Department of Finance. <i>Session facilitator: Sabrena King, Assistant Secretary, Procurement Capability, Department of Finance.</i>	Impact	Main room
12.15 pm	Lunch		Foyer
1.00 pm	2024 Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Awards for Excellence Awards presented by Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary, Department of Finance. Event hosted by Andrew Danks, First Assistant Secretary, Procurement Division, Department of Finance. Didgeridoo performance to open the Awards by Greg Joseph.	Awards	Main room
3.00 pm	Conference concludes		



Speakers

The Department of Finance thanks all speakers for sharing their expertise and time with us.



Jenny Wilkinson PSM, Secretary, Department of Finance.



George Sotiropoulos, Group Executive Director, Performance Statements Audit Services Group, Australian National Audit Office.



The Hon Paul Brereton AM RFD SC, Commissioner, National Anti-Corruption Commission.



Kathryn Haigh, First Assistant Secretary, Legal Services and Modern Slavery, Attorney-General's Department.



Richard Windeyer, Deputy Secretary, Department of Finance.



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Julia Pickworth, Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Science and Resources.



Mr Hermingardo Albano Soares, Director, The National Procurement Commission of Timor-Leste.



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