Procurement policy improvements

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We are aligning the Procurement manual with the Government Rules of Sourcing

- The <u>Government Rules of Sourcing</u> seek to lift procurement practice across all of government
- The Rules of Sourcing ensure that we meet international free trade agreement obligations
- The Transport Agency and some local authorities already follow the Rules of Sourcing
- We are aligning our Procurement Manual with the Rules of Sourcing
- Following the revised Procurement Manual will ensure compliance with the Rules of Sourcing
- The transport sector is helping to write a revised Transport Agency Procurement Manual



What will be the impact on procurement requirements

- Change is limited because the Procurement Manual and the Rules of Sourcing are founded on the same principles
- Changes mostly impact the supplier section process
- Tenders will be advertised on GETS
- The time allowed for suppliers to respond to an RFP will be regulated
- The requirement to evaluate tenders fairly will not change except that equal treatment of international suppliers becomes a formal requirement
- The detail of a contract award will be published on GETS
- The direct appointment Procurement Manual rules will not materially change



Review your AMP and review your procurement strategy

- The Procurement Manual provides an enabling strategy led procurement policy framework
- An approved organisation's long term programme wide strategy must be kept up to date - it must adapt
- Review of your strategy every three years is required
- A strategy should be written for those who need to know
- For an RCA the choice of delivery model for maintenance operations and renewals is probably the single most important strategic procurement decision
- The REG procurement subgroup has recently published its Road Maintenance Procurement: Delivery Model Guidelines



Are you using the 'Adjuster'?

- In 2012 we introduced the bitumen volume based method of contract price adjustment
- The web based tool for calculating contract price adjustments with the bitumen volume based method was formally 'launched' in August
- Are you one of the 120ish registered users of the <u>Adjuster</u>?

