

Response to Questions – Barwon and Great South Coast Regional Opportunities Showcase (Webinar) July 22nd, 2020

John Holland – Mike King & Melissa Raby

Question:

How do we get a list of the electrical contracted to date?

Response:

We are pleased to have the electrical contractor Nilsen on board. Please keep informed of our contractors we have appointed to date on the ICN Gateway page:

<https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/4438/john-holland-chisholm-road-prison-project>

Question:

Can you please provide further details on the super-structure / structural steel packages for the Chisholm Road Prison Project?

Response:

Super structure and structural steel packages are still in tender phase; however, we will soon announce the awarded subcontractors in the coming weeks. Please keep updated on the ICN Gateway page:

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Question:

Would there be an interest for our company which is a Dangerous Goods and General transport and warehousing company?

Response:

Dangerous Goods is not included as a formal package; we have a Dangerous Goods consultant who has made provisions in the design in line with the Australian Standards.

Question:

What is the difference between your G21 Grow target and your social procurement target?

Response:

G21 GROW target is part of our social procurement target. We have a target of 1% employment participation based on our total estimated labour hours, for people who live in the GROW identified suburbs of high unemployment which are Corio, Norlane, Whittington, and Colac. Our other social procurement targets are 4% employment participation based on our total estimated labour hours for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders and 1% of the total contract spend to be for direct employment of people with a disability or using disability enterprises. We also have a targeted spend with Indigenous businesses, social enterprises, or disability enterprises.

Question:

What work packages are still available for the Cherry Creek Youth Justice project?

Response:

Please keep up to date with the Cherry Creek Youth Justice project on ICN - <https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/4157/john-holland-youth-justice-centre-project>.

All new packages will be open there.

Question:

How do you manage community engagement? Would this be something for the ICN gateway or your Community Central directly?

Response:

Community Engagement is managed via our client, The Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Question:

Are there any penalties if a contractor does not achieve their Social Procurement commitment?

Response:

All of our social procurement targets are contractual obligations, so we expect our contractors understand their targets prior to committing to them - to ensure they will reach them on the project. We have detailed discussions in tender phase to ensure the targets are achievable, so targets differ for each package and for each subcontractor.

Question:

How are the out of town or remote workers being housed for the duration of each of the projects?
How do you engage the accommodation industry to facilitate this?

Response:

We have a strong focus on local employment and have encouraged our trades to connect with agencies (JVENS or recruitment agencies) who will be able to assist with local recruitment. Appointed trades have local workers who are thrilled to be working in their hometown. On the occasion that there are any out of town workers, workers have arranged accommodation privately and have immersed themselves in the Geelong community.

Watpac – Matthew Radcliffe

Question:

To what extent do Watpac mandate the use of recycled or recovered materials in their major project?

Response:

The project is subject to a Green Star point requirement for recycling a % of the GFA (m² to tonnage conversion).

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Response:

It is the responsibility of the sub-contractor(s) to provide accommodation for their employees.

Question:

What kind of support, grants are available for new start-ups?

Response:

In accordance with Government initiatives. None directly through Watpac

Question:

Does this project have any state government requirements?

Response:

No

Question:

What is the best way for my company to demonstrate its products and services to Watpac?

Response:

Contact us via the email enquiries_cogg@watpac.com.au

Local Jobs First Commissioner – Don Matthews

Question:

What powers does the LJF commissioner have if state gov contracts are not adhered to?

Response:

Under the Local Jobs First Act the Commissioner has the authority to issue compliance notices to any party who are not fulfilling their contractual obligations both from a local content and a jobs perspective. Failure to comply may lead to the Commissioner recommending to the Minister to issue an Adverse Publicity Notice which would name the Party in parliament. Finally, the Commissioner can recommend to the responsible government agency to take out an injunction order against a Party for ongoing and persistent failure to meet their contractual obligations.

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Response:

Start-up companies looking to understand what Grants are available at both a State and Federal level can contact the Commissioner's office and the office will connect them with the appropriate people.