

Advocacy Framework

Objective

The Industry Participation Advocate's primary objective is to increase the number and diversity of local businesses securing economic benefit from government contracts.

Advocate's Role

The Advocate's role is to review impediments to local participation in government contracts and work with local business and industry associations to increase the number of companies able to meet government tender requirements.

Approach

The Advocate is committed to evidence-based advocacy that explores systemic issues and influences policy, programs and practices to promote greater local participation in government contracts.

Advocacy Priorities

Promoting competitive, capable local businesses to government purchasers and private sector companies delivering contracts on behalf of government

Recommending reforms to procurement and contracting practices to ensure local businesses are not disadvantaged.

Ensuring local businesses with full, fair and reasonable opportunities to win work on major projects under the Industry Participation Policy

Context of Advocacy

The Advocate's work concentrates on broad issues affecting the ability of local businesses to win government contracts. His primary focus is to make an impact at the strategic and structural level of government policy, programs and practices to ensure local businesses are afforded the best opportunity to compete for and win government contracts.

At his discretion, the Advocate may investigate individual issues to -

- raise the profile of local businesses with government purchasers and private sector contractors
- draw attention to concerns and barriers to local participation
- seek to ensure local businesses are not disadvantaged by particular processes or practices
- request information and feedback on behalf of local businesses

The Advocate cannot require contracts be awarded to individual businesses nor request a particular outcome from procurement and tendering processes. However, the findings of individual investigations may inform broader recommendations for policy, program or practice reforms.

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