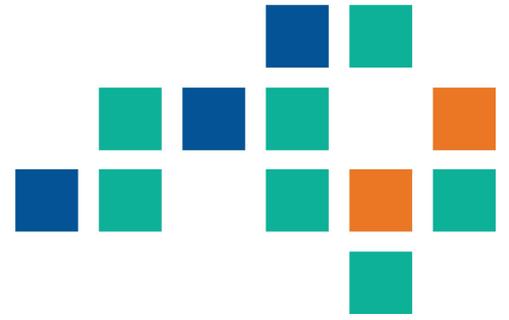


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1. Acknowledgement

SecureEnergy would like to acknowledge that this infrastructure is being constructed on Aboriginal land. We would like to recognise the strengths, resilience, and capacity of our Traditional Owners. SecureEnergy JV pay our respects to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage beliefs and relationship to the land which continues to be important to Aboriginal people today.

2. Introduction to EnergyConnect

TransGrid is partnering with ElectraNet to deliver a 900-kilometre-high voltage energy interconnector between the power grids of South Australia (SA) (starting at Robertstown) and New South Wales (NSW) (finishing in Wagga Wagga) with an added connection to Victoria (VIC) (Red Cliffs), known collectively as EnergyConnect. EnergyConnect will involve the construction of a new 330 kilovolt (kV) above ground transmission line, with approximately 800MW transfer capacity. The project will include two (2) new substations and upgrades of two (2) existing substations required to effectively operate the transmission network. The project will reduce the cost of providing secure and reliable electricity transmission between NSW and SA in the near term and facilitate the transition of the energy across the National Electricity Market to low emission energy sources.

SecureEnergy, a Joint Venture between Clough and Elecnor, has been awarded the EPC contract for EnergyConnect. EnergyConnect is a geographically diverse project, spreading from Wagga Wagga in NSW to Robertstown in SA, approximately 900kms in total. The scope of this document is applicable to proposed TransGrid assets only, in NSW and VIC, terminating at the SA border. As illustrated below in Figure 1.



Figure 1 - EnergyConnect

3. Introduction to SecureEnergy

SecureEnergy, is a Joint Venture between Clough and Elecnor, two global leaders with local knowledge in delivering Engineering, Procurement and Construction projects for the power infrastructure industry. SecureEnergy, on behalf of TransGrid will build EnergyConnect, one of the nation's largest energy infrastructure projects

4. TransGrid AIPP Obligations

EnergyConnect is classified as a Major Project (>\$500 million) and as such is required to maintain an up-to-date Australian Industry Participation Plan (AIPP) as required under the Australian Jobs Act 2013 (cth)

EnergyConnect requires all suppliers and subcontractors to operate consistently with the requirements of the AIPP.

Suppliers and subcontractors should also note the importance of commitments made under the Commonwealth Indigenous Participation Policy.

Suppliers and subcontractors should ensure that all products and services meet Commonwealth obligations under the Modern Slavery Act 2018.

A copy of the EnergyConnect AIPP can be found by searching the term “EnergyConnect” on the link below.

<https://www.industry.gov.au/regulations-and-standards/australian-industry-participation/major-project-australian-industry-participation-plan-summaries-table>

5. SecureEnergy Local Industry Participation Plan

The strategy is delivered under the SecureEnergy Local Industry Participation Plan (LIPP) in alignment with the Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) and supported by the Workforce Development Plan (WDP)

In some categories of procurement, suppliers and subcontractors will be required to complete a Subcontractors Local Industry Participation Plan (SLIPP) which needs to detail the actions that will be undertaken if awarded a scope of work on the project.

6. SecureEnergy Indigenous Participation Plan

Suppliers and subcontractors will be required to complete an Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) that aligns with SecureEnergy LIPP and adopts the standards and policies of Commonwealth Government Indigenous Procurement Policy.

The Commonwealth Indigenous Procurement Policy took effect from 1 July 2015 and aims to stimulate Indigenous business development by setting yearly targets for Commonwealth purchasing from Indigenous enterprises and minimum Indigenous participation requirements for certain Commonwealth contracts.

EnergyConnect has adopted the principle of a minimum Indigenous target and all awarded subcontractors will be expected to support the delivery of that target.

SecureEnergy has a dedicated Indigenous Participation Manager (IPM) who can facilitate Indigenous participation.

7. Project Values and Policies

SecureEnergy is committed to engaging and developing local suppliers in a strategy that includes initiatives targeted at:

- “Full, Fair and Reasonable” opportunity
- Supporting capability development of local businesses
- Supporting capacity development of local businesses
- Leaving a legacy of industry participation

8. Local Definition

The EnergyConnect definition of local includes businesses operating from approved facilities based in the following Local Government Areas:

'Local participation' is defined as supplier and worker participation in the project, in terms of:

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- Subcontracting, supply and services provision
- Employment and training

Secure Energy defines local as:

1. the Local Government Areas and Local Aboriginal Land Council Areas and Aboriginal Traditional Language Group Areas* intersected by the Project route,
2. areas outside 1. above within NSW,
3. interstate, and finally,
4. overseas.

* As per the AIATSIS Map found at <https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/>

The Local Government Areas are:

- Albury City Council
- Balranald Shire Council
- Edward River Council
- Federation Council
- Griffith City Council
- Hay Shire Council
- Lockhart Shire Council
- Murray River Council
- Murrumbidgee Shire Council
- Narrandera Shire Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Wentworth Shire Council

9. Accessing Opportunity via the ICN Gateway

SecureEnergy have undertaken a contestability analysis of all procurement opportunities. Suppliers will be able to express interest through the ICN Gateway for those packages.

SecureEnergy will publish all Expressions of Interest (EOI) for a minimum of two weeks.

Suppliers are not required to have a paid ICN Gateway account to view and respond to SecureEnergy EOI's.

A submission of an EOI is not a guarantee of work.

The SecureEnergy account manager for ICN is Geoff Reardon greardon@icnsw.org.au.

An ICN User Guide is available for download on the SecureEnergy website. www.secureenergyjv.com.au.

9.1. EOI Feedback

Feedback will be provided to all suppliers applying through the ICN Gateway process.

SecureEnergy will not provide feedback to unsolicited submissions from suppliers on email.

9.2. Supplier Development

As part of the EOI process, some suppliers may be requested to undertake supplier development course participation through the local Business Connect Advisors and in partnership with the Industry Capability Network (ICN)

10. Procurement Process Overview

Suppliers who are selected from the ICN Gateway EOI process will be able to enter the SecureEnergy procurement process.

Suppliers who want to be awarded subcontracts from the tendering process should refer to the diagram below for an overview of the expected process.



11. Prequalification Standards

A short form and a long form prequalification standard is available for download from the SecureEnergy website.

The short form will be used for all Purchase Order (PO) procurement.

The long form will be used for all Subcontract procurement

Suppliers wanting to tender for SecureEnergy procurement packages will need to complete the prequalification standard.

Suppliers are advised to review the Prequalification requirements as part of a general assessment of the work effort required to enter a tender process. Suppliers are advised to only submit a Prequalification form if directly requested by SecureEnergy.

The submission of a Prequalification form is not a guarantee of participation in a tender process.

The submission of a Prequalification form is not a guarantee of work.

12. Tender Participation

Once a supplier has undertaken an EOI and passed the Prequalification standard the SecureEnergy Procurement team may invite them to undertake a tender process.

This process will be managed by the SecureEnergy Procurement team.

Suppliers are advised to undertake a thorough analysis of the cost, effort and risks associated with tendering for a Major Project.

Suppliers are advised to seek professional and qualified advice for all matters relating to package scope, submitting a tender, providing a financial estimation and the contract administration requirements if successfully awarded a package.

The submission of a tender is not a guarantee of work.

13. Australian Industry Participation Plan Contact Officers

Local Industry Participation Manager - Adrian Whiting

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