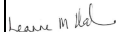
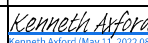



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1 Introduction to Energy Connect

1.1 What is EnergyConnect?

EnergyConnect is a high voltage infrastructure project that will lower power bills for homes and businesses across regional NSW. It will save NSW customers \$180 million per year. EnergyConnect involves the construction of 900km of new transmission lines between the electrical grids of NSW, SA and VIC. Transmission lines connecting state grids are commonly referred to as interconnectors. Connecting the power grids of three Australian states increases system redundancy, and provides access to renewable generators, driving competition in the wholesale electricity market. The interconnector is being built between Robertstown, SA, and Wagga Wagga, NSW, via Buronga, with an additional line between Buronga and Red Cliffs, VIC.

1.2 Who will build it?

SecureEnergy Joint Venture on behalf of Transgrid will build the NSW part of EnergyConnect. SecureEnergy is a joint venture between Elecnor (a Spanish based company) and Clough (an Australian based construction company) who combined, provide the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver world class projects in high voltage power transmission, substations and infrastructure.

1.3 What does the project involve?

The NSW component of the project includes the construction of 700km of new power lines from the SA border to the regional hub of Wagga Wagga. The project involves the construction of two new 330kV transmission lines and one new 500kV transmission line, and the replacement of an existing 220kV transmission line.

The project also includes the design and construction of one (1) new substation and the upgrade of two (2) existing substations at Buronga and Wagga Wagga to effectively operate the transmission network. There will be six accommodation camps, seven laydown and staging areas, and several site offices.

The key components of the work sites from the NSW/SA border through to Buronga and onto Monak are:

- One new transmission line
- A rebuild of the existing transmission line between the existing Buronga substation and the NSW/Victoria border at Monak, near Red Cliffs
- An expansion and upgrade of the existing Buronga substation.

The key components of the work sites from Buronga through to Wagga Wagga are:

- A new substation known as Dinawan, located between Jerilderie and Coleambally
- New transmission lines from Buronga to Wagga Wagga

An expansion of the existing Wagga Wagga substation. EnergyConnect will take 2.5 years to plan and build, and it will cost \$1.5 billion. It is expected to be operational from 2024. Figure 1 indicates the transmission line.

Figure 1 - Project Map



2 Australian Industry Participation Plan Requirements

EnergyConnect is classified as a Major Project (>\$500 million) and as such Transgrid is required to maintain an up-to-date Australian Industry Participation Plan (AIPP) as required under the *Australian Jobs Act 2013*. Transgrid have signed an AIPP for the project providing 'full, fair and reasonable' opportunity for local participation.

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

A copy of the Energy Connect AIPP can be found [here](#).

Suppliers and subcontractors should also note the importance of commitments made under the Commonwealth Indigenous Procurement Policy in relation to Mandatory minimum Indigenous participation requirements (MMRs).

A copy of the Indigenous Procurement Policy can be found [here](#).

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

A copy of the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* can be found [here](#).

3 SecureEnergy JV Participation Plans

The strategy is delivered under the SecureEnergy JV Local Industry Participation Plan (LIPP), the SecureEnergy Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) and supported by the Workforce Development Plan (WDP).

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3.1 Local Industry Participation Plan

The LIPP provides framework for maximising local industry involvement in procurement for EnergyConnect. The LIPP outlines SecureEnergy JV's approach to procurement to ensure full, fair and reasonable opportunity is afforded to local businesses during the design and procurement cycle.

SecureEnergy JV has committed to a Local Business target spend of 15% of the project cost.

Suppliers and subcontractors will be required to complete a Subcontractors Local Industry Participation Plan (SLIPP) detailing the actions which will be taken if awarded a scope of work on the project.

SecureEnergy has a dedicated Local Industry Participation Manager (LIPM) who facilitates opportunities for local business.

3.2 Indigenous Participation Plan

The IPP outlines SecureEnergy JV's approach to building strong local relationships with Indigenous communities to increase opportunities of engagement and employment on the project.

The Commonwealth Indigenous Procurement Policy aims to stimulate Indigenous business development, providing Indigenous Australians with more opportunities to participate in the economy by setting yearly targets for Indigenous enterprises and minimum Indigenous participation requirements for contracts.

EnergyConnect has adopted the principle of a minimum Indigenous target and all awarded subcontracts will be expected to support the delivery of a 2.5% target spend of the project costs for Indigenous participation.

Suppliers and subcontractors will be required to complete a Subcontractors Indigenous Plan which aligns with SecureEnergy JV Indigenous Participation Plan and adopt the standards and policies of the Commonwealth Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy.

SecureEnergy JV has a dedicated Indigenous Participation Manager (IPM) who facilitates Indigenous participation.

4 Project Values

SecureEnergy JV is committed to engaging and developing local suppliers using targeted initiatives which:

- provide full, fair and reasonable opportunity
- support capability and capacity development
- leaves a legacy of industry participation

5 Working with Local Suppliers

SecureEnergy JVis committed to providing economic benefit to the local and Indigenous communities in which the Project operates. These include; local employment, opportunities for local businesses and suppliers, improvements in local infrastructure and increased economic activity.

5.1 Who is considered a Local Supplier?

'Local Participation' is defined as supplier and worker participation in the project, in terms of subcontracting, supply and services provision

SecureEnergy JV 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

*As per the [AIATSIS Map](#)

Local Government Areas are:

Balranald Shire Council, Edward River Council, Federation Council, Hay Shire Council, Lockhart Shire Council, Murray River Council, Murrumbidgee Council, Wagga Wagga City Council and Wentworth Shire Council.

Local Aboriginal Areas are:

Barkindji, Madi, Wadi Wadi and Wiradjuri people as well as local land councils' and aboriginal peoples from other groups.

5.2 Accessing Opportunities using the Industry Capability Network Gateway (ICN)

ICN is a business network which helps Australian companies grow, working with local suppliers and project managers to help save valuable time and money in the procurement process.

During project development and planning, work packages have been identified which can be broken down into components or are appropriate to provide local suppliers 'full, fair and reasonable' opportunity to access.

Suppliers will be able to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for SecureEnergy JV work packages through ICN.

Suppliers will need to register their business with ICN before applying and are not required to have a paid ICN account to view and respond to SecureEnergy JV EOIs.

SecureEnergy JV will publish all EOIs for a minimum of two weeks.

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

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

5.2.1 Expression of Interest Feedback

Feedback will be provided to all suppliers who have applied through the ICN process.

SecureEnergy JV will not provide feedback for any submissions received outside of the ICN process.

5.2.2 Supplier Development

As part of the EOI process suppliers may be invited to undertake a supplier development course through the local Business Connect Advisors and in partnership with the ICN.

ICN has established a Mid-Tier Supplier Panel (MTSP) to assist local businesses in obtaining work in the project.

The objective of the MTSP is not just to make local businesses readily available to the main contractors, but also to help make our local businesses stronger and better through skills development.

To qualify for the MTSP, a company will need to:

- have a permanent site location within one of the targeted Local Government Areas.
- be willing to participate in capability training
- have a Microsoft account (free to create)

5.3 Procurement Process

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

Suppliers who wish to understand the process involved in the award of a package should refer to Figure 2 for a general overview of the process.

Figure 2 – Tender Process



5.3.1 Prequalification Standards

The prequalification requirements should be reviewed by the supplier as part of a general assessment of the work effort required to enter a tender process.

Suppliers wanting to tender for SecureEnergy JV procurement packages will be invited to pre-qualify in SecureEnergy JV's online portal Clough Supplier Connect.

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

The short form is used for all Purchase Order (PO) procurement and the long form used for all Subcontract procurement.

5.3.2 Tender Participation

Once a supplier has responded to an EOI and passed Prequalification, the SecureEnergy Procurement team may invite them to participate in the tender process for the package.

Suppliers are advised to undertake a thorough analysis of the cost, effort and risks associated with tendering for a major project and 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 tenderer is required to prepare, complete and lodge a draft Subcontractor Local Industry Participation Plan which includes;

- the proposed local industry participation in the delivery of the works
- the proposed approach for implementing and reporting on the Subcontractor Local Industry Participation Plan (SLIPP)

The tenderer will be required to prepare, complete and lodge a draft Indigenous Engagement Plan which includes;

- the proposed Indigenous participation in the delivery of the works
- the proposed approach for implementing and reporting on the Indigenous Engagement Plan

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Please note:

- SecureEnergy JV encourages all interested suppliers to register on ICN for upcoming work packages as unsolicited submissions from suppliers received by email will not be processed unless requested.
- The submission of a Prequalification form does not guarantee participation in the tender process.
- The submission of a tender is not a guarantee of work.

SecureEnergy JV is excited about working with local suppliers in the delivery of a critical project to support the change taking place in Australia's energy system.