

## Carers Queensland Procurement Principles

### Principle 1: Value for money

Given that Carers Queensland is predominantly funded by state and federal tax payer funding, through government grants, our first principle is aligned with that of the Queensland State Government.

Obtaining value for money is more than consideration of price alone. It requires an assessment of cost and non cost factors as well as the overall aims of the organisation, and the intent of the procurement.

Assessment of value for money can include:

- Carers Queensland strategic objectives
- Cost related factors such as up front price, whole of life costs and transaction costs
- Non cost factors such as fitness for purpose, quality, risk exposure, service & support sustainability
- Non breach of legislative, policy or free trade obligations

### Principle 2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services

Carers Queensland is committed to supporting and increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples who are in employment, by increasing the level of procurement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

The Manager Corporate will:

- Utilise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business directories (i.e. Supply Nation and Black Business Finder – Queensland Indigenous Business Gateway) for comparable quotes of all items in excess of \$2000

Managers, Client Services will:

- Ensure Team Leaders, project staff and administrative staff utilise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business directories (i.e. Supply Nation and Black Business Finder – Queensland Indigenous Business Gateway) for local suppliers of all items (i.e. catering, venue hire, equipment hire etc.)

### 3. Conflicting principles

Where Principle 1 conflicts with Principle 2, value for money is to be the determining factor.

## **4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services**

### **4.1 Supply Nation**

Supply Nation is one of Australia's leading forces in connecting Indigenous enterprises with companies and government agencies.

#### **VISION**

A prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous enterprise sector.

Supply Nation will achieve this by:

1. facilitating the integration of Indigenous businesses into the supply chain of private sector corporations and Government agencies
2. advocating on behalf of the Indigenous business community to foster business to business transactions and commercial partnerships between corporate Australia, Government agencies and Indigenous business
3. exchanging information, conducting research and leading the integration of Indigenous business into the Australian economy.

Carers Queensland is a paid up member of Supply Nation. The service can be access at [www.supplynation.org.au](http://www.supplynation.org.au)

### **4.2 Black Business Finder (BBF)**

This is an online database established to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses an opportunity to be involved and benefit from the rapidly expanding major project program currently under way in Queensland.

The Queensland Government commissioned the Industry Capability Network (ICN) Queensland, a division of QMI Solutions, to develop the BBF database and link to ICN's comprehensive national listing of major projects - through an online tool called ICN Gateway.

Importantly the BBF is a resource for major project owners to source Indigenous businesses to get involved in providing goods and services for major projects throughout Queensland. This is good for Indigenous businesses and good for major projects.

Businesses defined by BBF as Indigenous businesses are:

- a majority-owned Indigenous business.
- a 50% owned Indigenous business.

A non-Indigenous business that employs at least 75% of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander workers is eligible to register on Black Business Finder.

This service can be accessed at: [www.bbf.org.au](http://www.bbf.org.au)