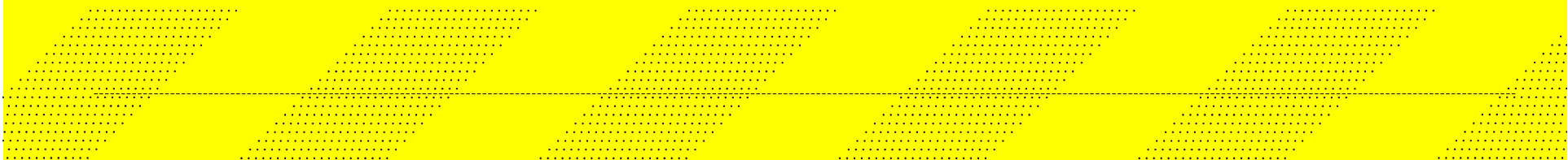

Government as Procurer in Civil & Infrastructure Construction

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Strengthen the capacity of government to influence OHS outcomes



***‘Governments are
major employers, policy makers,
regulators and purchasers of equipment and
services.***

***They have a leadership role in preventing
work-related death, injury and disease in Australia.’***

National OHS Strategy 2002 – 2012

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Project Objectives:

'to strengthen government capability to influence OHS outcomes'

- > Design and develop guide for Government Procurement for CI Construction
- > Influence Govt to apply the guide
- > Increase OHS governance of procurement processes in Govt.
- > Improve OHS performance of all contractors

The strategic intent of the project is to raise safety standards in CI construction industry by government implementing best practice procurement practices

Driver  ***Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan (\$42 billion)***

Deloitte's Research Study



- WorkSafe commissioned Deloitte to undertake a research study.
- The study identified opportunities to consider improving the management of occupational health and safety issues when procuring construction projects in the civil infrastructure sector
- '*Value for money*' should include the potential cost of poor safety performance and associated hidden issues when considering tenders.

Research Findings



- Safety is not a key factor of the procurement project life cycle – mainly features in the construction phase and is often relinquished to the principle contractor
- Safety is not considered at the planning and design phases where it would have the greatest impact in '*designing out*' risks
- No link made between earlier phases to final termination and transition phases to check that safety aspects have been addressed as intended
- Opportunities to influence government departments in improving their capacity to apply safety into their procurement procedures - both legislative requirements & best practice models.

Development of guide



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- Draft model developed
 - Stakeholder Reference Group established to further develop the guide between November 2009 and February 2010
 - Guide issued for public comment in March/April 2010
 - Guide reviewed by WorkSafe legal team and internal editing team.
 - Guide now with Construction IPD

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Components of the guide:

- > Planning
 - > Design
 - > Tender documentation
 - > Contract negotiation and execution
 - > Construction
 - > Termination and evaluation
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- **The guide contains tools such as checklists to assist government**
- **The guide includes many links to related documents such as:**
 - > Federal Safety Commission
 - > Safe Design (ASCC)
 - > WorkSafe website
 - > DTF's – Gateway guidelines