



Use of the Commonwealth Contracting Suite in Australia



Public Procurement Principle: **Access**



Procurement Stage: **Tendering**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy maker**

Description

The Commonwealth Contracting Suite (CCS) is an online system launched in 2014 that provides automated production of procurement documents. Commonwealth Government entities are required to use it for procurements under AUD 200 000, and encouraged to use it for those between AUD 200 000 and AUD 1 million. The CCS minimises the burden on businesses contracting with the Commonwealth Government, streamlining and simplifying procurement processes for Commonwealth entities. The CCS provides the “Approach to Market” document and the corresponding suppliers’ “Response to Approach to Market” document simultaneously in an editable format, and similarly produces the contract based on the options selected. Accordingly, this online tool supports a consistent set of familiar terms.

Source: OECD (2018), SMEs in Public Procurement: Practices and Strategies for Shared Benefits, OECD Public <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264307476-en>

