

Get Ready Pack



Losing contracts or missing opportunities because you cannot demonstrate your environmental credentials?

Companies tendering for Government and Non-Government projects are being increasingly required to show that they have environmental policies and procedures in place as well as demonstrate how they are reducing their environmental footprint. Companies that are unable to display their environmental credentials may be at risk of being unsuccessful.

For example tender documents are asking the following types of environmental questions:

- Do you have a company environment policy?
- Do you have copies of current legislation in relation to the Environment?
- Do you have a documented Environmental Management System?
- Do you have documented environmental procedures for the work you carry out?
- What environmental initiatives or recent improvements have you implemented to limit the environmental impact by the services you provide?
- Has your company developed and implemented any waste, water or energy minimisation initiatives?

What should you be doing?

Companies tendering for projects will need to demonstrate their commitment towards sustainable business practices in order to fulfill all the tendering requirements. In order to do this, companies may need to:

- Develop an environment policy to be signed by the Managing Director

- Keep up to date records on their environmental legal obligations
- Develop an accredited environmental management system i.e. ISO 14001
- Develop environmental procedures relevant to their operation(s)
- Conduct audits (energy, water and waste) to identify opportunities to reduce their environmental footprint and implement actions
- Conduct environment training for staff

Depending on the size and operation of a business, it may not be necessary to develop all those outlined above. Companies should identify and prioritise what actions need to be developed first.

What services are available to industry?

Ai Group provides the following services to assist companies fulfil their tender requirements:

- Development of environmental policies and procedures
- Development of environmental management systems (EMS)
- Determine companies environmental legal requirements and keep them up to date with changes to legislation
- Conduct on-site training
- Conduct audits (energy, water and waste)

ALL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO Ai GROUP MEMBERS AT DISCOUNTED RATES

Further information

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