



## **COMMON USE ARRANGEMENTS**

A Common Use Arrangement (CUA) is a whole of government standing offer arrangement for the provision of specific goods or services commonly used within government. CUAs are aggregated supply arrangements that enable a public authority to source goods or services.

Where a CUA has been established, a public authority must purchase under it in accordance with the relevant Buyers' Guide<sup>1</sup>, except where and to the extent that an authorised officer of the Department of Finance, approves alternative arrangements.

### **Purchasing from an Australian Disability Enterprise or an Aboriginal Business**

Where there is an opportunity to procure from:

- a business that primarily exists to provide the services of persons with a disability and that business is a registered Australian Disability Enterprise<sup>2</sup>; or
- a registered Aboriginal Business<sup>3</sup> and the value of the purchase does not exceed \$250,000<sup>4</sup>;

then a public authority may procure directly from those entities notwithstanding the existence of a mandatory CUA. Approval from the Department of Finance is not required in this instance.

CHAIRMAN  
STATE SUPPLY COMMISSION  
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<sup>1</sup> A Buyers' Guide is the document outlining the rules of access and buying in relation to a particular CUA. Buyers' Guides are accessible from the Department of Finance website at [www.finance.wa.gov.au](http://www.finance.wa.gov.au).

<sup>2</sup> Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) are commercial businesses that employ people with disability. A complete list of approved ADEs is available from the Australian Disability Enterprises website [URL: <http://www.ade.org.au>].

<sup>3</sup> A complete list of registered Aboriginal Businesses may be found at <http://www.abdwa.com.au/>.

<sup>4</sup> An Accountable Authority may approve a public authority undertaking a procurement in excess of \$250,000 from a registered Aboriginal Business, if it considers that circumstances exist to support the procurement being undertaken.