



## Public Interest Certificate

### Request for Tender for the Self-Employment Assistance program

This public interest certificate is issued under section 22(1) of the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018* (Cth) (the **Act**).

I hereby state that it is not in the public interest for the following procurement, identified in Table A – Procurement Details below, conducted by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment ABN 12 862 898 150 (the **Department**) to be suspended:

- a) while complaints under section 18 of the Act are being investigated; or
- b) while applications for injunctions under Part 2 of the Act are being considered.

**Table A – Procurement Details**

PROCUREMENT DETAILS	RFP INFORMATION
<b>AusTender ID(s)</b>	ATM ID: SEA 2022–27
<b>RFP Closing Date and Time</b>	RFT released 7 December 2021 and closed 19 January 2022.
<b>Procuring Entity</b>	Department of Education, Skills and Employment ABN 12 862 898 150
<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Senior Procurement Officer, Employment Services Procurement Branch</b>  Phone: <b>1300 733 514</b>  Email: <a href="mailto:espurchasing@dese.gov.au">espurchasing@dese.gov.au</a>
<b>Category (UNSPSC)</b>	93141805 – Employment Services
<b>Description</b>	<p>The Department supports economic growth, by delivering policies and programs that assist people find and keep a job and maximise opportunity through access to quality education, skills and training.</p> <p>In the 2021–22 Budget, the Australian Government announced changes to the delivery of self-employment programs as part of the New Employment Services Model, commencing 1 July 2022.</p>

**Request for Proposal for the New Employment Services Model**

This included combining the department's current 3 self-employment programs (New Business Assistance with NEIS, Exploring Being My Own Boss Workshops and Entrepreneurship Facilitators) into 2 programs.

In the 2021–22 Budget the Australian Government announced an additional \$129.8 million over 4 years for the expansion of self-employment programs to make small business and entrepreneurship services more flexible and easier for job seekers and existing micro-business owners to access these programs.

The RFT for Self-Employment assistance sought responses from organisations interested in delivering self-employment services under the Self-Employment Assistance program, noting it was replacing the New Business Assistance with NEIS program.

The RFT included:

- a description of following services being procured
- conditions for participation
- the evaluation approach, including the process for assessment, and
- the requirements for assessment of responses to the RFT.

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**Execution Block**

Signature of delegate:



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**Deputy Secretary**

**Employment Programs Group**

23 March 2022