

Council Newsletter - August 2016 Edition 16

Regional Procurement

A Division of Strategic Services Australia

Solving the Procurement Puzzle





End of Financial Year 30% Rebate payments amount to a massive \$360,640.00 (including GST)

As the manager of Regional Procurement I am very proud to announce that our valued client councils will soon be receiving rebate cheques addressed to their respective General Managers.

It should be pointed out that this rebate is being provided to our client Councils by Regional Procurement which is a division of Strategic Services Australia (formerly Hunter Councils - HROC) and has <u>nothing</u> to do with LGP.

The rebate amount due to Councils is calculated at 30% of the total management fees derived by Regional Procurement under applicable contracts used by a Council when procuring goods and or services from our suppliers. When Council procures goods and or services from applicable Regional Procurement contracts the suppliers are required to remit to us a management fee. This fee can range from 0.75% to 1.75% of the total amount spent by Council depending on the contract which on average is the lowest of any procurement

aggregator in NSW.

In May 2015, our CEO - Roger Stephan determined that 30% of all management fee income was to be rebated to our client councils at the end of each financial year. At this time our annual subscription fees were also abolished.

Based on the reporting provided to us by our suppliers for the 2015/2016 financial year I can confirm that an impressive amount of approximately \$91,535,406.00 was spent on contracts for goods and services established by Regional Procurement. As a direct result of that expenditure Regional Procurement is providing rebate payments to our valued client councils in the amount of \$360,640.40 (including GST).

All rebate cheques were finalised and posted to your council's appointed General Manager on the 23rd of August.

Your ongoing support and continued use of our contracts is the very reason that Regional Procurement has been able to provide such a significant return to you, our valued client councils. On behalf of my team I would like to extend my thanks to the many council officers who have ensured their respective councils are obtaining value for money outcomes through the use of Regional Procurement contracts.

Fee-for-Service Tender Services

Do you know that Regional Procurement can offer your council a cradle to grave tender service for specific projects? Regional Procurement is able to provide your council with a fixed quotation to provide all of the necessary and legislatively compliant services required to call a tender. Being at arms length from the parties involved provides Council with added confidence that the best results will be obtained without the possible perception of bias or favouritism having to be dealt with.

Please contact either Craig Wade 02 4978 4038 or Peter Salafia 02 4978 4044 to enquire further about this value-added service.

Probity and Transparency

Regional Procurement offers tailored tendering solutions to Local Government including but not limited to: Regional Tenders, Contract Administration and Probity Auditing & Advice Services. It makes good business sense to utilise the services offered by specialists who can perform the tasks you require but do not necessarily have the time to undertake yourself. Please contact us to discuss your specific requirements and we will work with you

to achieve the right solution to your needs.

We are very proud to have already provided services to Port Stephens Council, Newcastle Airport Limited, Norfolk Island Regional Council (formerly The Administration of Norfolk Island), Singleton Council and Upper Hunter Shire Council to name a few.

To learn more about our Probity Services capabilities please follow this linkhttp://regionalprocurement.com.au/probity-audits/









Contact details update

For your convenience please refer to the table below for current contact phone numbers and area responsibility:

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We are here to serve our valued Council clients so please call us to assist you.

Peter Salafia

Manager

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Click here to discover how to access all your council's current contracts through our Council Login Portal!

DID YOU KNOW?



Council has purchased over 9.5 million litres of fuel through Regional Procurement contracts this past

Thats enough to drive around the entire earth 3000 times!

Interested in what's currently out in the market?

Visit our <u>Tenderlink Portal</u> to view all advertised tenders.



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