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Supply chain due diligence

Robust due diligence across construction project supply chains is essential to identify and manage risks before they affect project delivery.

The Victorian Government's Supplier Code of Conduct establishes standards that suppliers must meet when doing business with the Victorian Government. These include:

- suppliers must not engage in or facilitate, either directly or indirectly, fraudulent, corrupt, unethical, exploitative, dishonest or collusive activities;
- suppliers must not engage in conduct which has or may have an adverse effect on the perception of the integrity of the supplier or any of their personnel; and
- suppliers must conduct themselves in a manner that is fair, professional and that will not bring the State into disrepute.

VIDA expects its contractors to undertake effective due diligence to identify integrity risks within the project supply chain and support the engagement of reputable subcontractors and suppliers that meet expected standards of conduct.

VIDA has developed the attached checklist through ongoing engagement to support integrity checks as part of supply chain due diligence.

Future VIDA contracts will require head contractors to ensure that these integrity checks are completed by proposed subcontractors and reviewed prior to engagement of subcontractors. Detailed contractual provisions and process requirements will be incorporated in future VIDA contracts.

In the meantime, these checks can also be used on existing projects when assessing proposed subcontractors.

These integrity checks supplement other forms of due diligence that contractors should undertake, including financial, legal, safety and capability checks.

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Supply Chain – Integrity Due Diligence Checklist

- The subcontractor or any of its officers have any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest.

- The subcontractor or any of its officers have been convicted of a criminal offence (excluding any spent conviction).

- The subcontractor or any of its officers have been subject to any action, penalty or adverse finding under:

    - the *Building Act 1993* (Vic) or the *Building Regulations 2018* (Vic)

    - the *Labour Hire Licensing Act 2018* (Vic) or the *Labour Hire Licensing Regulations 2018* (Vic)

    - the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (Vic) or the *Environment Protection Regulations 2021* (Vic)

    - the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* (Vic) or the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017* (Vic)

    - the *Architects Act 1991* (Vic) or the *Architects Regulations 2015* (Vic)

    - the *Professional Engineers Registration Act 2019* (Vic) or the *Professional Engineers Registration (General, Exemption And Assessment Scheme Fees) Regulations 2021* (Vic)

    - any equivalent of the above laws applying in a jurisdiction outside of Victoria

    - any other law or regulation relevant to the project,

    including on the grounds of not being a fit and proper person.

- Within the preceding 5 years, the subcontractor or any of its officers was insolvent or was a director of an externally administered company under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

- Within the preceding 5 years, the subcontractor or any of its officers have been disqualified from managing corporations under Part 2D.6 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

- The subcontractor or any of its officers are or were a member a Part 5B or 5C organisation under the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012* (Vic).

- The subcontractor or any of its officers are subject to any current or ongoing investigations relevant or connected to the types of matters described above.