Guiding Principles



Accredited Contractors List for Land Development

This document sets out the guiding principles SA Water will follow to manage the Accredited Contractors List for Land Development ("List") including requirements and expectations of contractors.

SA Water reserves to right to amend the guiding principles at any time.

Item	Subject	Details
1	Term	A contractor will remain accredited for as long as all required criteria continued to be met or until expiration of the List.
2	Communication	Communication will be via email to the contractors contact details within the CMS. Communication may include updated standards, change in training requirements, industry related safety information etc. Contractors conducting a substantial amount of work may be invited to a technical forum.
3	Published details	The List will be published on SA Water's website and may include the following information - Contractor's name and contact details - Category of accreditation
4	Contractor Management System (CMS)	Contractors are required to remain accredited with CMS and keep contact details up to date. Contractors can use the CMS to contract SA Water or directly with SA Water's Technical Officers.
5	Training requirements	Contractors are required to keep up to date with SA Water's training requirements.
6	Supplier Performance Measurement Tool (SPMT)	At the completion of any works SA Water's representatives will capture performance via SA Water's Supplier Performance Management Tool (SPMT). The relevant topics included in this tool are – time management; compliance; staffing; relationships; planning; communications; quality of goods/products or services; information; workmanship; Work Health & Safety; environmental management; operational interfaces; ethics & standards; innovation, and; customer / 3 rd Party Issues.
7	Performance management	 7.1 Performance Expectations Contractors are required to conduct work in accordance with a Developer Agreement Formal Instrument, approved accreditation category, and the Water Supply Code of Australia, inclusive of SA Water Supplements, as amended, and all SA Water Technical Standards, Technical Guidelines and Standard Drawings. 7.2 Non-conformances In accordance with SA Water Land Development agreement, SA Water representatives e.g. Land Development account manager and or construction technical officers or managers, may request a non-conformance notification be raised and managed in accordance with the contractor's quality management systems where requirements and/or workmanship fails to meet the required design standard. SA Water will collaborate with contractor, developer superintendent and consultant
		engineer and developer to ensure satisfactory result. Regular collaboration with the contractors to discuss performance and technical matters may be initiated by SA Water.



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		7.3 Experience
		Contractors are required to maintain recent relevant experience.
		When a contractor has not completed a job for a period of three years they will be contacted and required to provide satisfactory evidence of alternative experience. If the contractor is unable to do this, they will be suspended from the list and will be required to reapply if they wish to be reinstated onto the list.
		7.4 Training
		SA Water supports upskilling of local industry. Contractors may be required to undertake training as required by SA Water. SA Water are looking at cost effective training opportunities (e.g. online training).
		7.5 Insurances and licences
		Contractors shall maintain require insurances and licences including the following, evidence of each should be provided to the land developer as appropriate.
		Public liability insurance
		Professional indemnity insurance
		SA Return to Work registration (or equivalent)
		Consumer and Business Services (CBS) licences, including Builders Licence and Supervisors Licence/s.
		7.6 Performance monitoring with SPMT
		The tool provides a score for each contractor that has completed a job.
		Where a contractor fails to meet SA Water's performance requirements in any area, the contractor may be required to meet with SA Water to discuss the performance gap and agree to a plan to improve performance.
		Where a contractor has demonstrated exceptional performance (i.e. innovation, improved working practices, exceptional safety) SA Water, by agreement, may like to share details with the wider community to support industry development.
8	Suspension or removal from the List	A contactor may be suspended from the list if any of the accreditation or performance criteria are not being met, or an agreed improvement plan cannot be achieved enabling the contractor to meet any legal or SA Water's requirements e.g. Safety, Environment, Heritage, Quality or other requirements as necessary e.g. ethical conduct, sustainable procurement, diversity and inclusion.
		Examples also include where training is not up to date, three years has passed without adequate experience demonstrated, work contains serious breaches or fails to improve to a satisfactory standard.
		Where a contractor does not meet the requirements listed above there may be reason for their inclusion on the List to be suspended, or for their removal from the List.
		Where a contractor is suspended from the List action to rectify the issue/s causing the suspension will need to be addressed.
		WHS issue may require SA Water's WHS specialist involvement or SafeWork SA.

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		Environmental or heritage issue may require SA Water's Environmental and Heritage specialist involvement or the EPA.
		Cause for removal from the list may include:
		Breach of guiding principles inclusive of accreditation requirements
		WHS breach involving SafeWork SA
		Environmental breach involving the EPA
		Illegal activity or serious act of tort
		Cause or risk of reputational risk to SA Water
		 Operating in a way that disregards SA Water's sustainability, diversity, and inclusion policies.
9	Adding contractors to the List	Contractors may make <u>application</u> for inclusion upon the list.
		The contact point for new applications for Accredited Contractor List for Land Development is majorld@sawater.com.au
		SA Water will assess the submission in accordance with the returnable schedule's evaluation criteria, and training and competency requirements. Evidence may be requested to validate experience and capability.
		The applicant will be notified of the outcome within eight weeks.