

Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plan   
Executive Summary

1.Organisation and project details

**Company/organisation name:** CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

**Project name:** Education and Community Precinct CBD

**Description of the project:** Charles Darwin University (CDU) is currently undertaking a significant and complex infrastructure project as part of the Darwin Cities deal. CDU has an opportunity to develop a Central Business District ( CBD) campus, and relocate a number of colleges and facilities to the CBD, which will position CDU at the heart of the City to better support its contribution to the NT. Preliminary planning proposes the establishment of a high-quality CDU City Precinct that includes the Northern Territory State Library which will be transformational, enhancing the amenity, usability and desirability of the CBD as a place to study, live, work and play. As one of the largest employers in the NT, a CDU City Precinct would noticeably increase the CBD workforce.

The proposed CDU facilities in the CBD would offer greater engagement on many fronts, some of these as follows:

1. providing meeting places/laboratories and workrooms
2. shared and open creative and innovative spaces for professional and students to interact
3. a forum for public and intellectual discourse
4. increasing community access, visibility and pride in the Northern Territory’s only University

The CBD site is known as the old City of Darwin Council (CoD) car park or Lot 5803, bordered by Cavenagh Street, Woods Street and the Garramilla Boulevard.

The proposed specific vision for the CDU CBD campus is summarised as follows:

1. a willingness by CDU and NTG to establish a substantial presence in the city centre
2. a presence in the heart of Darwin city centre to showcase the University and State Library
3. an opportunity to interact directly with Government, business and the wider community at many levels to foster greater interaction and synergy
4. to create contemporary learning spaces and places that will attract new students from overseas as well as provide an urban campus experience
5. an opportunity to showcase an iconic building that is environmentally sustainable (“green” building) using the latest technology and environmental science

The design, construction, operation, maintenance and financing of the new CDU campus is currently being progressed from vision to reality. The project is expected to be completed by 22 December 2023.

**Estimated capital expenditure/total value of the project:** $219,000,000 AUD

**Estimated total value of key goods and services:** $218,800,000 AUD

**Project location:** Darwin, Northern Territory

**Link to project information:** https://educationcommunityprecinct.cdu.edu.au/

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2. Opportunities to supply goods and services

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| **List of goods and services to be procured for the project and the expected opportunity for industry participation** | **Opportunities for  Australian  suppliers \*** | **Opportunities for  international  suppliers** |
| Earthworks - consisting of primarily excavation type activities for the site. | Yes | No |
| Potential packages of work to be procured by the Main Contractor include: concrete supply and placement, reinforcement supply and placement, formwork, structural steel etc. | Yes | No |

\* An Australian supplier means an entity that has an ABN or an ACN

Disclaimer: The information provided in the table above is based on an initial assessment by the company. Any questions or issues should be raised with the project contact.

* Australian standards and certifications will be required for the key goods and services in this project.

3. Communicating and providing opportunities

* Project website OR Project supplier portal
* Liaison with industry associations
* Public announcements
* Social media
* Workshops/industry briefings
* Direct contact with Australian industry (phone/email/letter)
* Liaison with vendor identification agencies
* Promote opportunities to Australian industry in the early stages of the project, including information on how to prequalify
* Make tender documents available to all possible suppliers at the same time
* Allow reasonable and equal time for submissions/responses
* Create, publish and distribute an AIP policy
* Include requirement in tender documents that successful tenderers comply with AIP plan
* Include contractual arrangements with suppliers to outline AIP arrangements
* Establish reporting requirement that shows how the AIP plan has been implemented
* Require EPC or EPCM company to engage with and involve Australian industry
* All tenders from Australian and overseas suppliers will be assessed on the same basis
* The organisation will ensure all AIP plan obligations will flow down to contractors and subcontractors

4. Facilitating future opportunities

* Support and assist project suppliers to adopt specific standards and accreditations
* Support overseas demonstrations of Australian industry capability
* Provide unsuccessful tenderers with appropriate feedback to encourage future performance

5. Implementation resources

* The organisation will record and/or retain evidence to demonstrate implementation of the approved AIP plan
* Develop and implement standard contractual arrangements with suppliers to give Australian industry opportunities to participate