

Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plan Summary - Operations Phase

1. Facility Details

Designated operator: UPC New England Solar Farm Pty Ltd

Facility name: New England Solar Farm

Description of the facility: UPC New England Solar Farm Pty Ltd (UPC) is proposing to construct the New England Solar Farm with approximately 720 MW capacity across two solar fields near Uralla in the New England region of NSW. Rows of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels will be installed on a single axis tracking system that follows the path of the sun. UPC will engage an EPC Contractor to provide detailed engineering design, procurement and construction services for the solar farm and associated high voltage electrical infrastructure. Subject to achieving final project approvals, construction is expected to commence in late 2019 and continue for a period of 3 years.

Facility location: Uralla, NSW

Link to facility information: www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au

Operator contact for procurement information: Tim Greenaway, 0448 472 244, info@newenglandsolarfarm.com.au

Other operators involved in the facility: A contractor may be engaged to provide operation and maintenance services for the Project.

2. Opportunities to supply Goods and Services

Expected opportunities	Opportunities for Australian entities	Opportunities for non-Australian entities
Goods		
Nil		
Services		
Operation and Maintenance Services Note that UPC does not anticipate key goods and services of \$1 million and above during the initial 2-year operations phase. However, should there be key goods and services of \$1 million to be procured, the actions committed in the AIP plan will be implemented.	Yes	Yes

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 facility contact.

Explanation for item(s) in list above where it is indicated 'No Opportunities for Australian entities'

N/A

3. Standards to be used in the facility

- Australian Standards will be used for the project.

4. AIP activities to be undertaken by the Operator

- UPC intend to engage a Contractor to perform operations and maintenance of the Solar Farm during the initial years of operation. The Operations and Maintenance Contractor will be responsible for procurement of all operations and maintenance procurement. Compliance with this AIP Plan and Australian Jobs Act 2013 will form part of the Operations and Maintenance Contract, including appointment of a procurement contact officer for operational opportunities and promote their contact details on the project website (www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au) and/or the Contractor's specific website.
- Potential suppliers to the project can register their interest to participate in the operations and maintenance of the project via the project website – www.newenglandsolarfarm.com.au/enquiry. This register of suppliers will be shared with the Operations and Maintenance Contractor
- UPC will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to comply with this AIP Plan, which will include the implementation of a documented formal policy and plan for AIP including the collection of evidence for the production of the Compliance Report.

5. AIP activities to be undertaken by procurement entities

- UPC will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to comply with this Plan including the publication of requirements tenderers must satisfy in order to tender for the supply of key services for the initial operation of the facility.
- Where appropriate and feasible, UPC will require the Operations and Maintenance Contractor to contract with local suppliers for the operations and maintenance services, even if the services require upskilling of the business and local workforce due to the limited availability of businesses and individuals with experience in the operation and maintenance of a solar farm.
- Where appropriate and feasible, the Operations and Maintenance Contractor is to arrange discussions with global manufacturers briefing them on the capabilities and past achievements of Australian entities engaged on in the operations and maintenance of the project and other potentially capable Australian suppliers, where known.
- Where appropriate, the Operations and Maintenance Contractor is to encourage foreign suppliers to engage with and undertake technical consultations with Australian entities engaged on the project and other potential and capable Australian manufacturers.