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Operational Update

EQL Contestable Works Process Change – ATC

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Target Audience

Energy Queensland Limited (EQL) Accredited Service Providers (ASP)

Introduction

Contestable Works Department are implementing a process change aimed at improving the scheduling of construction works for Ergon Energy and Energex projects. This change supports EQL's continued alignment of Contestable Works processes within Energex and Ergon Energy and the wider business. The objective of this process change is to provide transparency of who is building EQL network, and ensure ASPs and Pre-Qualified Service Providers (PQS) are being utilised where required.

Overview

Design consultants will be required to provide EQL with the ASP, any subcontracted ASP and PQS details via the Contestable Works Approval to Construct (ATC). This process change will assist EQL to engage with the designated ASP, triggering the construction project cycle. The principal ASP will need to keep EQL informed of any additional ASPs or PQS being used on the project via the ATC (as a living document).

In support of the effective date, EQL have included an ATC for your repository of EQL standard documents. For future reference this ATC will also be available on the DNSP website.

Upon EQL's confirmation that all documents (signed NCEC, For Construction Drawings, ATC) and payments have been received, EQL will return a signed ATC to the ASP and the Design Consultant. Upon receipt of the EQL signed ATC, the ASP can engage with EQL's Contracts Officer for a Pre-start meeting.

Projects should not proceed with construction (other than those activities that do not require an ASP or PQS) before the completed ATC has been signed and returned to the ASP.

New Requirements

All returning SESA / PLSA / NCEC in Ergon Energy and Energex will now be required to provide the new / updated ATC before commencement of any pre-start meetings or construction.

Summary

Providing this essential information at contract stage, will enable our EQL Contestable Works Department to efficiently schedule the construction of your project. These changes will have the additional benefit of closer alignment of both DNSP's, a more streamlined process and will assist in reducing network connection timeframes at project completion.

Implementation Date:

These changes are effective from the **7 July 2025** for all projects where a NCEC, SESA or PLSA is being returned for a Contestable Works project.

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