

Category: Social Procurement

Finalist: Transfield Services

Transfield Services engages with social procurement through established subcontractors with social enterprises and Indigenous businesses across Australia. Transfield Services focus on providing employment opportunity for marginalized job seekers is executed through its research-based Community Engagement Approach which focuses on building and maintaining relationships with local community stakeholders, developing and implementing community projects and initiatives and maximising local employment and procurement opportunities.

Transfield Services engages the several social enterprises across three states on their AMCOR contract: Activ Foundation in WA, the Bedford Foundation in SA and Growing Care in NSW.

Transfield Services' NSW and WA Housing contracts are also partnered with social enterprises. Their NSW Housing contract engages with seven social enterprises which focus on minority employment and community support:

Wesley Mission, BoysTown, House with No Steps, JobQuest, On Track Community Programs, Tulgeen Group and Encore Property Services. Their WA Housing contract engages with Kooya, an Indigenous-owned painting business, and Pindari WA, an Indigenous owned business who provide highly qualified trades people for maintenance, construction projects and quality refurbishment programs. Their WA Housing contract is also sub-contracting with two other Indigenous organisations in remote areas; Yulella Building and Construction in Meekatharra and Mungullah/Gascoyne Assett Maintenance in Carnarvon.

Transfield Services' Defence contracts involve partnerships with local community organisations. Transfield Services' Garrison Support Services – South Australia has partnered with the Bedford Group, a not-for-profit organisation that provides support, vocational training and employment for people with a disability or disadvantage in horticultural, catering and hospitality roles. Transfield Services' Garrison Support Services – Western Australia contract has partnered with the Activ Foundation, to provide grounds work for disadvantaged job seekers at RAAF Base Pearce and other Defence bases. Transfield Services' Garrison Support Services – Victoria engages a local Indigenous enterprise through its relationship with the Ramahyuck Community Development and Employment Program.

The company has a contract with the City of Melbourne that engages YMCA ReBuild Facility Services, a social enterprise that supports and provides flexible and increased employment opportunities to young people who have previously offended.

Additionally, Transfield Services Business Community Investment Group utilises Social Traders' online tool, The Finder, to discover potential social enterprises for future engagement. The company's Contract Managers have also participated in the Social Traders project, The Crunch. This experience provided Transfield Services with the opportunity to play a pivotal role in the business planning and pitch preparation process, ultimately resulting in the establishment of new social enterprises.

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