

Treasurer's Instruction No	1122
Title	Multi-Use Lists: goods and services
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Objective and Background	Details the processes that agencies must use to set up a Multi-Use List.
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Black letter (or bold) items within these Instructions are mandatory and other plain font items are instructional or for the purpose of providing guidance only.

- (1) This Instruction applies only to the procurement of goods and services and is to be read in conjunction with other Instructions relating to goods and services which are contained in the 1100 series of the Treasurer's Instructions.**

Further information on goods and services procurement, including a definition of "goods and services", can be located on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government](http://www.purchasing.tas.gov.au) (www.purchasing.tas.gov.au)

For information on building and construction and roads and bridges procurement, refer to the 1200 series of the Treasurer's Instructions.

A multi-use list is a list of suppliers determined to satisfy the conditions for participation for inclusion on the list and intended for use in more than one procurement process. A multi-use list can include an unlimited number of suppliers and suppliers can be added either continuously or annually, it can operate indefinitely and does not make reference to pricing.

A panel, by comparison, is an arrangement under which a number of suppliers may each supply property or services to an agency as specified in the panel contract arrangements. A panel has a finite number of suppliers and operates for a finite period. The panel is re-opened at the conclusion of the established period. A panel usually provides a set or indicative price for the goods or services that can be obtained from it. A panel can be established through an open tender process or through a multi-staged purchasing process. In either case, panel members have been selected at the conclusion of a full evaluation process.

Further information on the difference between a multi-use list and a panel can be located on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government \(Multi-stage purchasing options\)](#).

Where any procurement from a multi-use list will be impacted by a free trade agreement, agencies should refer to the publication, *International Procurement Obligations* for additional requirements that may apply in relation to the establishment and use of the list.

- (2) Inclusion on a multi-use list may be used either as an essential criterion or condition for participation in an open tender or as the basis for selecting participants in a multi-staged procurement.**

- (3) When using inclusion on a multi-use list as a condition for participation in an open tender conducted under Instruction 1107, agencies must set up the multi-use list in accordance with clauses (5) – (6) below.**

Inclusion on the multi-use list can then be set as a mandatory requirement that must be met by suppliers for a tender to be considered.

- (4) When using a multi-use list as a basis for pre-selection of participants in a multi-staged procurement, agencies must firstly set up the multi-use list in accordance with clauses (5) – (7) below. The second stage of the process requires Agencies to comply with the provisions of Instruction 1108(5).**

A multi-staged purchasing process is where information is requested from suppliers in order to gain knowledge about the market, obtain industry input, or to shortlist suppliers before seeking offers. Further information on multi-staged tendering processes is available in Instruction 1108 and a on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government \(Multi-stage purchasing options\)](#).

- (5) An agency may establish a multi-use list provided the agency itself (or another government agency) either:**
- (a) annually publishes a notice inviting interested suppliers to apply for inclusion on the list; or**
 - (b) makes available in a continuous electronic form, a notice inviting interested suppliers to apply for inclusion on the list.**
- (6) The notice inviting interested suppliers to apply for inclusion on the list must include:**
- (a) a description of the goods and services, or categories thereof, for which the list may be used;**
 - (b) the conditions for participation to be satisfied by suppliers and the methods that the agency will use to verify a supplier's satisfaction of the conditions;**
 - (c) the name and address of the agency and details of the relevant contact officer; and**
 - (d) any deadlines for submission of applications for inclusion on the list (if applicable).**
- (7) Agencies that maintain a multi-use list must include all potential suppliers that satisfy the conditions for participation on that multi-use list as soon as practicable after application.**