

Module 7 – Professional Services

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[\[Use Guidelines](#)

This Module should be used when the Customer is buying the services of personnel with IT related skills where the Contractor's services are not subject to day to day supervision by the Customer.

See the Procure IT User Guide for more details.

This text is not to be used in interpreting the Module.]

1. Agreed Terms and Interpretation

AGREED TERMS

The terms and conditions included in this **Module 7** form part of the Customer Contract when the Parties state that the Professional Services Module forms part of the Customer Contract in Item 8 of the General Order Form.

In this Module, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 1.1 **Exception** means the reasons that excuse the Contactor from being in breach of the Customer Contract in respect of the Services provided under this Module, as stated in clause 7.
- 1.2 **Professional Services** means the Services that are set out on the Module Order Form that are to be supplied by the Contractor to the Customer under this Module, which may include any information, communications or technology related service, including:
 - (a) strategy advice;
 - (b) development, enhancement or support of software (not otherwise provided for under Modules 4 or 5);
 - (c) writing reports;
 - (d) reviews or quality assurance activities;
 - (e) change management services;
 - (f) project management services;
 - (g) knowledge transfer services; and
 - (h) other information, communications or technology related services agreed by the Parties which are provided under the direction and control of the Customer.

The term Professional Services does not include services provided under the direction, control and supervision of the Customer. These services are Contractor Services and are subject to Module 6 Contractor Services.

The term Professional Services does not include training services. These services are subject to Module 8 Training Services.

INTERPRETATION

- 1.3 Other capitalised words and expressions used in this Module are defined in the Dictionary of the Procure IT Framework.

2. Professional Services Period

- 2.1 Unless otherwise agreed in the General Order Form or the relevant Module Order Form, the Professional Services must be provided for the Contract Period unless the Customer Contract is terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.
- 2.2 If no Contract Period is specified in the Order Documents and the Professional Services are provided on a time and materials basis, then the Professional Services will be provided from

the Commencement Date until either Party cancels the Professional Services by providing 30 days prior Notice in Writing to the other.

3. Scope of Professional Services

SCOPE

- 3.1 The Parties will set out in the Module Order Form or a PIPP the details of the Professional Services which may include:
- (a) the Contract Period;
 - (b) the details of the Professional Services that the Contractor is to provide;
 - (c) the details of any Specified Personnel;
 - (d) the details of any Deliverables and their Contract Specifications;
 - (e) the location of where the Professional Services are to be provided;
 - (f) whether any Deliverable must undergo Acceptance Tests;
 - (g) the Price, expenses and any other charges that apply in respect of the Professional Services; and
 - (h) how the Prices, expenses and charges will be paid, including any payment Milestones and whether the Professional Services are provided on a time and materials basis, fixed price or some other basis.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND PAYMENT PLAN (PIPP)

- 3.2 If there is no PIPP agreed at the time the Customer Contract is signed by the Parties, and it is stated on the Module Order Form that a PIPP is required, the Contractor must prepare a draft PIPP for the approval of the Customer prior to the commencement of the Professional Services. Within 5 Business Days of receipt of the draft PIPP the Customer must:
- (a) approve the PIPP; or
 - (b) provide written notice of any changes to the draft PIPP that it requires, and provided those changes are reasonable, the Contractor must update the PIPP and re-submit it for approval by the Customer.
- 3.3 Once the PIPP has been approved by the Customer it forms part of the Customer Contract and the Contract Specifications are updated accordingly.

REPORTING

- 3.4 The Contractor must monitor the progress of the Professional Services and provide the Customer with status reports at monthly intervals, or such other intervals as is agreed by the Parties which, at a minimum, include the following issues:
- (a) the issues and risks that the Contractor recommends be pro-actively addressed to avoid delays;
 - (b) any actions that the Parties need to take, or decisions that need to be made, to ensure the provision of the Professional Services in accordance with the requirements of the Customer Contract, including any PIPP;
 - (c) the progress of the work against any project plan;

- (d) the amounts charged, and amount of work in progress against the budget;
- (e) whether it is anticipated that the budget is likely to be exceeded, and if so the reasons; and
- (f) any other issues that the Parties agree should be included in the reports.

CUSTOMER DIRECTIONS

- 3.5 The Contractor must comply with all reasonable directions of the Customer as may be given to the Contractor from time to time in respect of the delivery of the Professional Services, provided that such directions are consistent with the requirements of the Customer Contract. Where such direction:
- (a) causes the Contractor's costs to increase, the Customer must pay for any increase in the Contractor's costs at the Contractor's time and materials rates (calculated using the rates set out in the Customer Contract, or if none are stated, at the Contractor's then current commercial rates) plus any expenses; and
 - (b) causes the Contractor not to be able to meet any timetable for delivery, then the timetable must be extended to the extent that it is reasonable given the nature of the direction and the impact on the Professional Services.
- 3.6 Nothing in clause 3.5 affects the Contractor's right to exercise its own judgment and to utilise its skills as it considers most appropriate in order to achieve compliance with the Customer's reasonable directions or otherwise to comply with the Contractor's obligations under the Customer Contract.
- 3.7 Subject to otherwise complying with its obligations under the Customer Contract, the Contractor must exercise its independent discretion as to the most appropriate and efficient manner of providing the Professional Services and satisfying the Contractor's obligations under this Customer Contract.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP

- 3.8 The Contractor undertakes to comply with all Statutory Requirements in relation to itself and any of its employees or contractors, including in relation to workers compensation, payroll tax, income tax, fringe benefits tax, PAYG tax, group tax, superannuation contributions, annual leave, long service leave and personal leave awards, industrial instruments and any other employment entitlement.
- 3.9 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) it is solely responsible for the obligations in clause 3.8; and
 - (b) neither it, nor its Personnel have, pursuant to this Customer Contract, any entitlement from the Customer in relation to any form of employment or related benefit.

4. Acceptance Tests and Use

- 4.1 Where the Professional Services are for the creation of a specific Deliverable for which the Parties have agreed that the Deliverable is to undergo Acceptance Tests then:
- (a) the Customer must not use any part of the Deliverable for its business purposes and/or in a production environment without first undertaking Acceptance Tests in accordance with clause 10 of the Customer Contract; and
 - (b) it is acknowledged and agreed by the Customer that if the Customer uses the Deliverable for its business purposes and/or in a production environment before the Deliverable has passed its Acceptance Tests in accordance with clause 10.9 of the

Customer Contract (as opposed to where the Deliverable is merely deemed to have passed its Acceptance Tests under clause 10.13 of the Customer Contract) the Customer is taking a significant risk in using untested Deliverables, and accordingly the Contractor is not liable for any loss, damage or expense caused by such use of the Deliverable.

5. Restraint

- 5.1 The Customer must not, without the prior written consent of the Contractor, whether on its own behalf or on behalf of any other person and in any capacity:
- (a) encourage any of individual who has performed any Professional Services to:
 - (i) stop working for or providing services to the Contractor; or
 - (ii) work for or provide services to the Customer, any Agency or Department or any other person; or
 - (b) employ, contract, or enter into any arrangement, to receive the benefit of the services of the individual who has performed any Professional Services,
- for the following restraint periods:
- (c) during the period that the individual performed the Professional Services and a period of 12 months thereafter;
 - (d) during the period that the individual performed the Professional Services and a period of 9 months thereafter;
 - (e) during the period that the individual performed the Professional Services and a period of 6 months thereafter;
 - (f) during the period that the individual performed the Professional Services and a period of 3 months thereafter; and
 - (g) during the period that the individual performed the Professional Services.
- 5.2 Clause 5.1 is to be construed and have effect as the number of separate restraints that arise by separately combining each of the subclauses in 5.1(a) and (b) above with the restraint periods listed in each of the subclauses in (c) to (g) above. Each of the covenants that result from a combination of the restraints in subclauses 5.1(a) and (b) with the restraint periods in subclauses (c) to (g), constitute and are to be construed as having effect as separate, distinct, severable and independent provisions from the other covenants, but cumulative in overall effect. If any of the covenants or parts of the covenants resulting from the operation of this clause, are unenforceable they will be severed from the remaining enforceable covenant or part thereof.
- 5.3 The Customer agrees that the remedy of damages may be inadequate to protect the interests of the Contractor from a breach of the Customer's obligations under this clause 5 and the Contractor is entitled to seek and obtain injunctive relief, or any other remedy, in any court.
- 5.4 A general solicitation for employment which is placed in good faith such as a newspaper advertisement shall not constitute a breach of clause 5.1.
- 5.5 The Parties agree that the restrictions in clauses 5.1 to 5.4 are necessary to protect the legitimate interests of the Contractor.

6. Specific Warranties

SCOPE

- 6.1 Where the Professional Services are provided on a fixed price basis:
- (a) the Contractor warrants that any Deliverable (other than any Customer Supplied Item) will meet the Contract Specifications in all material respects during the Warranty Period, subject to the Exceptions; and
 - (b) if an unmodified version of the Deliverable (other than any Customer Supplied Item) fails to perform in accordance with the requirements of the Customer Contract and the Customer provides the Contractor with written notice of the Defect within the Warranty Period, then the Contractor may, at its option, promptly remedy those Defects, implement a Workaround, or replace the relevant part of the Deliverable, at its own expense, or refund the Price payable for the deficient Deliverable. Any remedy that is implemented is warranted only during the remainder of the Warranty Period.
- 6.2 Owing to the nature of the subject matter, but subject to clauses 6.1, 6.3, 6.4 and 7, the Contractor expressly excludes any warranty that:
- (c) any Deliverable will be error free;
 - (d) any Deliverable will operate without interruption;
 - (e) it will correct all program errors;
 - (f) any Deliverable will be compatible with any Hardware, software or data not supplied by the Contractor (except as specified in the Contract Specification); and
 - (g) any Deliverable will meet the Customer's requirements.
- 6.3 The Customer must provide reasonable assistance to the Contractor in order to assist the Contractor to identify and resolve the Defect, including installing patches and Workarounds.
- 6.4 The Contractor warrants that, subject to the Exceptions, from the Commencement Date until the end of the Warranty Period in relation to the Professional Services that the Contractor will provide the Professional Services in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Specifications in all material respects and with due care and skill.

7. Exceptions

- 7.1 The Contractor is not liable for any breach of the Customer Contract which arises as the result of:
- (a) any Customer Supplied Item not operating in accordance with its documentation or the requirements in this Customer Contract;
 - (b) modifications to any Deliverable that were effected or attempted by a person other than the Contractor or its authorised representative, other than where such modifications were recommended by the Contractor;
 - (c) any act, error, fault, neglect, misuse or omission of the Customer;
 - (d) damage caused by the operation of the Deliverable other than in accordance with recommended operating procedures or otherwise than in accordance with the directions or recommendations of the original Intellectual Property Rights owner, authorised distributor or the Contractor;

- (e) any Virus, denial of service attack or other malicious act that adversely affects the Software Solution, except to the extent that:
 - (i) the attack or malicious act is an attack or malicious act of the Contractor; or
 - (ii) the Contract Specifications include a requirement to protect against Viruses, denial of service attacks or other malicious acts, and the Customer's damages are caused solely by a failure to meet that obligation in the Contract Specifications;
 - (f) improper use or mismanagement by the Customer; or
 - (g) a Force Majeure Event.
- 7.2 Where the Contractor has been requested to provide any remedy and the item that was requested to be remedied is determined not to be a Defect (or to be a Defect in a Customer Supplied Item) then the Contractor is entitled to charge the Customer for the costs and expenses (calculated using the rates set out in the Customer Contract, or if none are stated, at the Contractor's then current commercial rates) that arise out, of or in connection with identifying and attempting to remedy that item.