

## Option 2 – Contestable Works - Accreditation

This fact sheet has been prepared to inform of recent changes to the accreditation process for Option 2 Contestable Works.

### What are Option 2 Contestable Works?

Option 2 contestable works occur if a customer has elected to arrange and fund their own distribution works including the connection to the existing AusNet Services Distribution system. The customer has the choice on who is engaged to undertake the work however the customer can only engage contractors who have been accredited for the particular type of works by AusNet Services and both the customer and contractor must follow AusNet Services requirements and approvals for each project.

### Why are we changing the requirements?

AusNet Services is committed to providing safety and quality improvements to all works on our Electricity and Gas Distribution Networks. The changes have been introduced to modernize our requirements which will benefit customers using our Network and reduce the risk to us as a Network Owner.

### What are the main changes?

Main changes include reinforcing the need to provide a package of supporting information at the time of application and ensuring payment is made by the applicant. The fees are charged by AusNet Services in order to be able to re-coup our costs for the management, administration and support of the accreditation and review process.

### How much does accreditation cost?

1 <sup>st</sup> Accreditation or additional accreditation work type	\$3960
3 yearly accreditation renewal	\$1210
Additional Project Manager Accreditation out of cycle with company renewal	\$1210

*Fees are GST inclusive and are subject to change*

### What information should be provided in the pack?

- Insurance Certificates:-
  - \$20 million Public Liability
  - Workers Compensation Certificate of Currency
  - \$10 million Professional Indemnity Insurance (Design Or Project Management Services Only)
- Quality & OH&S Certifications (if obtained)
- VESI compliant Training records of Staff (roles involving field works)
- Company organizational chart and resource capability including internal quality assurance of work.
- Relevant staff electrical authorities, educational qualifications and experience relevant to the electrical industry including project management and current roles within organization.
- Company Electrical & Civil Industry accreditations/licenses already held
- Examples of works completed by company or key staff in previous role (preferably on AusNet Services Network if available) and any supporting references detailing quality of work.
- Knowledge of AusNet Services standards and procedures
- Key OH&S procedures including but not limited to management of subcontractors, hazard identification and risk management, injury/incident management, fitness for work and safe work method statements for high risk activities
- List of plant and equipment including control and maintenance

### How do I apply?

Applications are made email to [supplieraccreditation@ausnetservices.com.au](mailto:supplieraccreditation@ausnetservices.com.au). Upon application you will be sent a questionnaire to complete. Please ensure to attach your information package with the completed questionnaire and label each piece of your supporting info with the relevant number on the questionnaire. The applicant will not be assessed until payment of the fees has occurred.

**Note:** fees are non-refundable; payment of fees does not guarantee the accreditation application will be successful.