

## Consultancies Delegation

Under the Public Sector Management (Goods and Services) Regulation, the State Contracts Control Board (SCCB) alone is responsible for arranging the supply of all goods and services necessary for the operation of the public sector service.

The SCCB has granted an exemption which allows heads of public sector service agencies to invite and accept tenders for the procurement of consultancy services without reference to the SCCB, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Compliance by the organisation with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's [Guidelines for the Engagement and Use of Consultants](#), as may be re-issued from time to time;
- b) The person(s) authorised to enter into such consultancy service contracts shall be the person(s) heading or from time to time authorised by the organisation to enter into such contracts.

*NOTE: Department heads should ensure that employees involved in the engagement of consultants are aware of relevant delegations and procedures. The full details and conditions of the SCCB's exemption are set out in Premier's Circular No. 2004-17 and the [Guidelines for the Engagement and Use of Consultants](#). Any enquiries should be directed to the Premier's Department on (02) 9228 5555.*

In September 2008, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce established the Prequalification Scheme: Performance and Management Services. The scheme offers panel of pre-qualified service providers to assist NSW Government agencies and statutory corporations to engage the best external expertise in the following areas:

- Performance Reviews
- Infrastructure and Major Projects
- Service Delivery Improvement
- Organisational Capability
- General Technical Expertise.

The use of the prequalification scheme by agencies is voluntary. Agencies not using the scheme are to engage consultants in line with the delegations relating to consultants (as specified in the Guidelines for the Engagement and Use of Consultant).

**For more information see:**

- [Premier's Circular 2008-34 Prequalification Scheme: Performance and Management Services](#)
- [About the Prequalification Scheme: Performance and Management Services](#)

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