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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Project Phase

**Nominated project proponent:** The Trustee for Blind Creek Solar Farm Trust

Project details

Name: Blind Creek Solar Farm and Battery

Location: 114 Currandooley Road, Bungendore, NSW 2621

Type: Electricity facility

Purpose: Establish new facility

Capital expenditure: $500 million - $1 billion

Description: The Blind Solar Farm and Battery Project (the ‘Project’) consists of a solar farm of 300MWac/370MWdc and DC-coupled 243MW/486MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), which is located off Tarago Road, approximately 8 kilometres (km) north-east of Bungendore, and 32 km northeast of Canberra, NSW, Australia, The project area is located within the Queanbeyan Palerang local Government area. The site is situated at latitude 35° 11'1.04"S and longitude 149° 28'22.73" The delivery of the solar farm and BESS shall be delivered via a split contracting strategy. The Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor, Gransolar Construction Australia Pty Ltd (EPC Contractor or GRS) will be responsible for design and construction of the Solar Farm, BESS Balance of Plant (BoP) and ancillary systems. The EPC contractor will be responsible for overall commissioning of the Facility and BESS including grid commissioning. The BESS supplier will provide the BESS units and Power Plant Controller (PPC) and commissioning services for supplied equipment. While most Solar PV and BESS components are procured internationally, local works include logistics, construction, project management and commissioning. The agreements for operations, service, and maintenance (including an Operations & Maintenance contract with GRS or the O&M Contractor), along with life cycle replacement, will further support local content contributions. The Project will include the connection of the Facility to the existing Transgrid Services transmission network (TL6) via a cut-in to the existing 330 kV line which runs from Canberra to Sydney. A grid connection high voltage contractor will be appointed by Transgrid under a separate connection works contract to design and construct the grid connection assets required to connect to the 330kV Transgrid Services network.

Completion date: 30 Jun 2028

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Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the project:

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| **Key goods and services** | **Opportunities for Australian entities\*** | **Opportunities for  non-Australian  entities** | **Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities** |

Cable Packages (MV, LV DC) Yes Yes

Solar PV inverters Yes Yes

High voltage power transformers Yes Yes

PV Modules Yes Yes

Supply of electrical equipment for substation, Yes Yes

transmission lines, reticulation

Solar PV single axis trackers Yes Yes

Construction of site facilities Yes No

Materials supply (road material, quarry, Yes No

concrete)

Electrical Installation Yes No

Fencing, landscaping and planting Yes No

Supply of fuel Yes No

Labour hire Yes No

Plant hire Yes No

Road construction (including dust Yes No

suppression)

Mechanical Installation Yes No

Foundation construction Yes No

Earthworks Yes No

Testing and Commissioning Yes No

Logistic Onshore Yes Yes

Logistic Offshore Yes Yes

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Project standards:

Australian   
International

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Supplier information and communication

Project proponent’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Tenielle Webb

**Contact person position** Procurement Specialist   
**Phone number** 0458489360

**E-mail** [twebbXgransolar.com](http://twebbXgransolar.com)

Project proponent website: <https://www.blindcreeksolarfarm.com.au>

Project opportunities website: <https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/15679/pg-15679?scroll_pos=0>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Engage with vendor identification agencies on project opportunities and bid processes   
Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes   
Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation

Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

Introduce suppliers to global supply chain partners

Support suppliers to register with global supplier databases Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:

The EPC Contractor will offer feedback to unsuccessful bidders and this feedback will include recommendations of relevant training and capability development if this was a contributing factor to the supplier being unsuccessful.

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Australian Industry Participation Plan Summary - Operations Phase

**Nominated facility operator:** Ms BCSF Holdings Pty Ltd as trustee for the Blind Creek Solar Farm Trust

Facility details

Name: Blind Creek Solar Farm and Battery

Location: 114 Currandooley Road, Bungendore, NSW 2621

Type: Electricity facility

Key goods and services

Indicative list of key goods and services to be acquired for the new facility:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Key goods and services** | **Opportunities for Australian entities** | **\*** | **Opportunities for  non-Australian  entities** | **Explanation for no opportunities for Australian entities** |

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Facility standards:

Australian   
International

Supplier information and communication

Facility operator’s contact person for supplier enquiries:

**Contact person name** Almero Du Pisanie

**Contact person position** Head of O&M

**Phone number** 0475721145

**E-mail** [adupisanie@gransolar.com](mailto:adupisanie@gransolar.com)

Facility operator website: <https://www.blindcreeksolarfarm.com.au>

Facility opportunities website: <https://gateway.icn.org.au/projects/15679/pg-15679?scroll_pos=0>

Supplier engagement and communication actions :

Promote project opportunities through industry associations

Engage with vendor identification agencies on project opportunities and bid processes Conduct supplier information briefings on project opportunities and bid processes Directly contact suppliers with information on project opportunities and bid processes

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Building Australian industry capability

Supplier capability development actions:

Recommend suppliers undertake training and/or accreditation

Provide market intelligence to suppliers

Encourage joint ventures and alliances between suppliers

Global supply chain integration actions:

Introduce suppliers to global supply chain partners

Support suppliers to register with global supplier databases

Provide references for high performing suppliers

Feedback process for unsuccessful bidders:   
Not applicable for Operation phase

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