

The below questions have been submitted by industry to Transport for NSW in relation to the Future Fleet Program.

I understand there has been some identification of 'long lead procurement activities'. Is it possible to share with industry what are these the long lead time activities are please?

Transport recognises that to successfully deliver the Future Fleet Program, that it needs to start critical design and planning approval activities it would not usually progress until after the NSW Government considers the Full Business Case. This includes progressing train specifications, higher design maturity and planning approval activities, as well as procurement and industry engagement, including the dedicated meet the supplier events. This seeks to give market key information on the program earlier to allow effective planning and mobilisation for the FFP procurement.

Thank you for your enquiry regarding procurement and veteran-owned businesses.

Does Transport have a Veterans Procurement Policy?

Transport for NSW undertakes procurement in accordance with the NSW Procurement Policy Framework, which sets out the principles, requirements and guidance that apply to all NSW Government agencies. This includes objectives relating to value for money, probity, fairness, transparency and opportunities for SMEs and diverse suppliers.

You can find further details here:

https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1294541/Procurement-Policy-Framework_December-2024.pdf

While Transport does not operate a standalone veteran-specific procurement policy, the framework supports inclusive procurement practices and provides mechanisms through which veteran-owned businesses can participate in NSW Government procurement processes.

Will the selection of suppliers be guided by geographical areas.

The NSW Government has not allocated any specific regions or geographical areas for supplier engagement or participation in the Future Fleet Program. All suppliers — regardless of location — are encouraged to participate equally. We encourage you to continue engaging directly with potential partners as well as through future industry events.

Will there be addition regional Meet the Supplier events?

The Future Fleet Program is planning additional industry engagement sessions in regional NSW during 2026. Locations and dates have not yet been finalised. Once confirmed, details will be published on the Transport for NSW website and through the Transport Industry Infrastructure Portal.