



Procurement
& Projects



Case Study: Procurement & Contracts Services

Provision of procurement and contracts administration services
for Thiess John Holland JV – AirportLink, Brisbane

The Project

The AirportLink, Northern Busway and Airport Roundabout Upgrade project was Australia's largest ever road infrastructure project valued at over \$4.8 billion. The project involved 15km of tunneling to construct two 6.7km twin tunnels as well as associated busway tunnels, connecting ramps and 25 bridges.

The Need

The Mechanical and Electrical Fitout Team (MEFT) Alliance needed expert procurement and contracts support to boost the capacity and skills of its existing team of procurement officers and contracts administrators. With a very tight project schedule, the need for timely procurement was critical and a number of awarded contracts required focused and intensive administration and management for varying reasons.

The KLJ Solution

KLJ provided a small team of procurement and contracts specialists with the requisite experience in project procurement and complex construction contract management. The team rapidly implemented efficient, organized and streamlined procurement methods that immediately began improving productivity of the tendering process and ultimately helped to reduce lead times for the award of new contracts.

The team also undertook detailed analysis of some of the more complex contracts that had been awarded and implemented strategic contract administration plans to address concerning issues. The risks in these issues were quickly identified and steps were taken to mitigate their impact to the project.

The KLJ Result

During the course of the assignment, the KLJ team integrated seamlessly with the existing MEFT staff whilst bringing new ideas to the present team and enhancing existing work practices in the areas of procurement/tendering and contract administration. The MEFT team implemented a number of positive changes to their processes as they benefited from the experience and expertise of the KLJ team of specialists. Management within MEFT was appreciative of the valuable input and assistance given by the KLJ team during its time on the project.

"I would recommend that other organisations talk to KLJ about their own procurement needs." – Lee Durant, MEFT Alliance Contracts Manager