



AIIA advocacy reflected in new DTA contracting principles

The Digital Transformation Agency has released its [new principles](#) for Coordinated Contracting Arrangements (CCAs), with several of the final settings reflecting issues raised by the AIIA during consultation.

In our [submission](#), the AIIA called for a framework that was transparent, proportionate and workable for suppliers of different sizes. In particular, the AIIA raised concerns about open-ended compliance obligations, the commercial uncertainty created when government requirements change during the life of an arrangement, and the need to ensure CCAs complement rather than displace competitive procurement.

The final principles respond positively to several of these concerns. The DTA now provides that reasonable changes to government requirements should be managed clearly and transparently to avoid suppliers pricing in unnecessary risk, and that CCAs should include mechanisms to accommodate future changes without creating unreasonable commercial uncertainty. The principles also place greater emphasis on proportionality, competitive neutrality and ensuring CCAs do not distort market competition.

The AIIA welcomes the DTA's constructive approach to the consultation process and its willingness to engage closely with industry. We value the strong and collaborative working relationship between the AIIA and DTA, and the final principles are a good example of how practical industry feedback can help strengthen government procurement settings.