

Short-term consultancies on national uniformity projects in radiation protection regulation

Call for Expressions of Interest

Parties are invited to express interest in short-term consultancy projects to be undertaken for the CEO of the ARPANSA. These projects are intended to contribute to a higher level of national uniformity among the Commonwealth, States and Territories in the area of 'Regulatory Styles', 'Third-party Certification' and 'Occupational Licensing' respectively.

The three projects are among a total of 12 projects designed to meet the recommendations of the recently completed National Competition Policy review of radiation protection legislation. The projects will be implemented under the auspices of the National Uniformity Implementation Panel (Radiation Control), which is a working group of ARPANSA's Radiation Health Committee comprising representatives from the Commonwealth, States and Territories.

The project on 'Regulatory Styles' aims to lower costs to industry and regulators through outcome-based regulations and standards. It involves the identification of risks that can be treated more efficiently with an outcome-based approach and the development of principles for regulators to apply in reviewing their legislation. It also involves the development of generic risk management principles for the industry.

The project on 'Third-party Certification' aims to lower costs to industry and regulators through more competition in providing testing and certification services for radiation equipment and apparatus. It involves the evaluation of the existing arrangements for third-party certification in all jurisdictions and the development of a nationally agreed framework on activities that can be outsourced, accreditation standards and processes.

The project on 'Occupational Licensing' aims to achieve efficient and effective occupational licensing systems for occupational groups that use radiation. It includes a review of the need to licence dentists to operate dental X-ray equipment and the development of nationally uniform criteria for licence categories and occupational licensing and registration requirements.

A separate expression of interest is required for each project.

Consultancy specifications

More information on the NCP Review can be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.arpansa.gov.au/news/ncp.htm>

Interested parties must obtain a copy of the consultancy project specifications and proposed draft consultancy terms and conditions from:

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Closing date for submission of expressions of interest is 28 February 2003