COUNCIL POLICY 1.3.7
Finance

Title:	1.3.7 REGIONAL PRICE PREFERENCE
Adopted:	<2009
Reviewed:	Annually (last reviewed 20 August 2025)
Associated Legislation:	Local Government Act (1995) as amended; State Records Act 2000 Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Part 4A
Associated Documentation:	Shire of Mingenew Code of Conduct Shire of Mingenew Policy 1.3.1- Purchasing
Review Responsibility:	Manager Corporate Services
Delegation:	Chief Executive Officer

Previous Policy Number/s – 3008

Objective:

- To ensure Shire of Mingenew residents and all relevant stakeholders are provided a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate and contribute to problem solving, planning and decisions made by the Council and its staff.
- To provide effective stakeholder engagement for productive relationships, improved dialogue and deliberation, and ultimately, better democracy.

Policy:

In order to promote sub-regional development, the Shire of Mingenew will provide a price preference to regional suppliers (located within the stipulated areas) when evaluating and awarding contracts with Council via the Tendering Process.
Any price preference provided will comply with part 4A of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1995 as amended.

Price preference will be given to all suppliers submitting conforming tenders for the supply of goods and services (including Construction (building) Services) to the Shire of Mingenew, unless Council resolves that this policy does not apply to a particular tender.

The following price preference will be given to suppliers submitting tenders assessed in relation to this policy:

Goods and Services – up to a maximum price reduction of $50,000 unless a lower amount is stipulated in the tender document.
Stipulated Area-

1. 10% to all suppliers located within the Shire of Mingenew
2. 5% to all suppliers located within the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah, Perenjori, Three Springs, Morawa and Irwin
3. 2.5% to all suppliers located within the Midwest Region that are not listed in 2. Above.

Construction (building) Services – up to a maximum price reduction of $50,000 unless a lower amount is stipulated in the tender document.

Stipulated Area-

1. 5% to all suppliers located within the Shire of Mingenew
2. 2.5% to all suppliers located within the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah, Perenjori, Three Springs, Morawa and Irwin.
3. 1% to all suppliers located within the Midwest Region that are not listed in 2. above.

Goods and Services, including Construction (building) Services tendered for the first time where Council previously supplied the Goods or Services – up to a maximum price reduction of $500,000 unless a lower amount is stipulated in the tender document.

Stipulated Area-

1. 10% to all suppliers located within the Shire of Mingenew
2. 5% to all suppliers located within the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah, Perenjori, Three Springs, Morawa and Irwin
3. 2.5% to all suppliers located within the Midwest Region that are not listed in 2. Above.

The Midwest Region incorporates the following 17 local governments: Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Coorow, Cue, Greater Geraldton, Irwin, Meekatharra, Mingenew, Morawa, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Northampton, Perenjori, Sandstone, Three Springs, Wiluna and Yalgoo.

Regional Price Preference will only be given to suppliers located within the stipulated areas for more than six months prior to the advertising date of the tender.

Located within the stipulated areas is defined as having a physical presence in the way of a shop, depot, outlet, headquarters or other premises where the goods or services specifically being provided are supplied from. This does not exclude suppliers whose registered business is located outside the stipulated area but undertake the business from premises within the stipulated area. An example is a franchisee of a multinational company.

Only those goods and services identified in the tender as being from a source located within the stipulated area will have the price preference applied when assessing the tender.

Price is only one factor that Council considers when evaluating a tender. There is nothing contained within this policy that compels Council to accept the lowest tender or any tender based on price offered.