



CDU-NTG Partnership Agreement – Procurement Process

Under the Partnership Agreement, the Accountable Officer of each NT Government agency is exempt from the need to comply with the *Procurement Act 1995* for the duration of the Agreement.

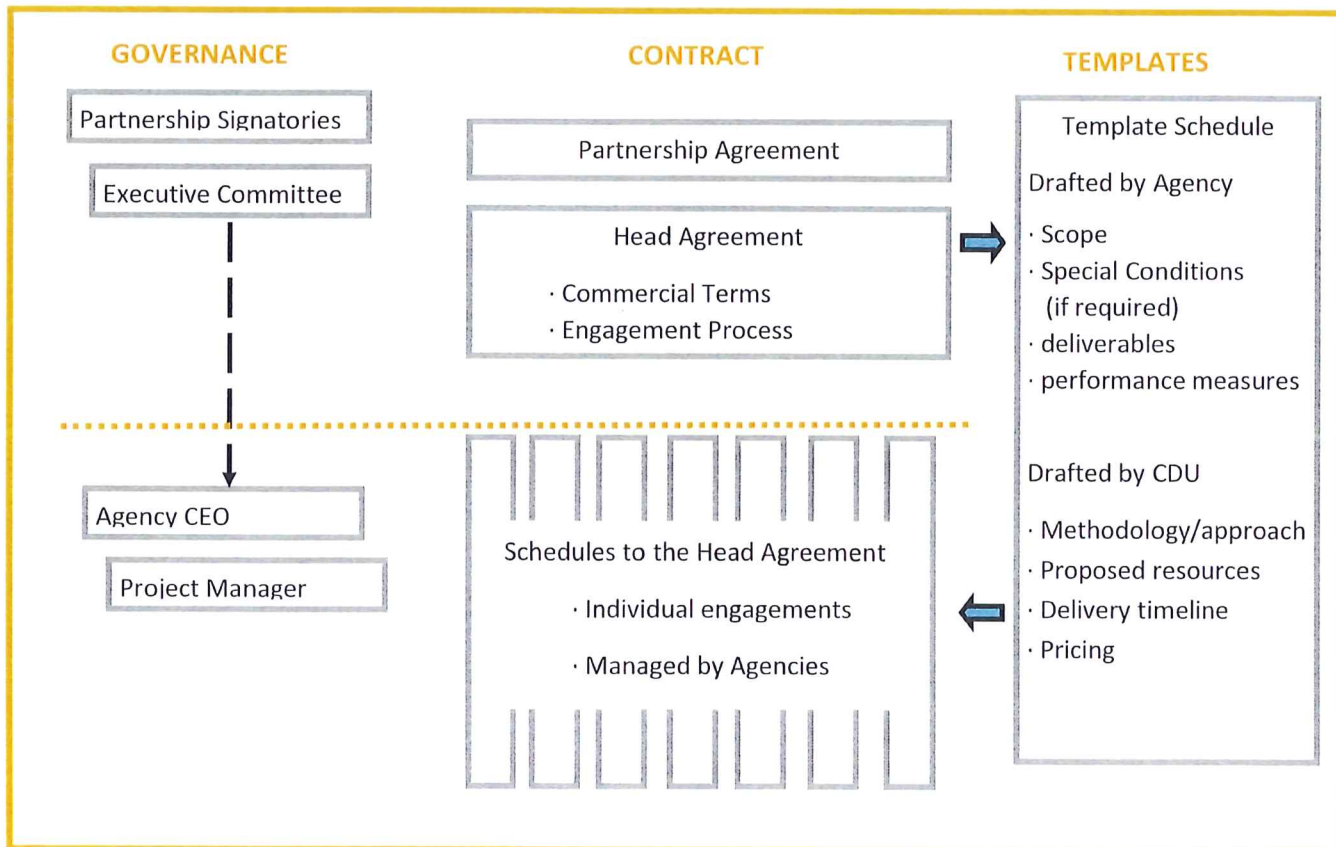
This exemption may be used where the services required fall under the core outcomes of the Partnership Agreement and following the modified procurement process specified in the Partnership Agreement.

From May 2020, the procurement process was simplified to reflect the intent of the Partnership Agreement with more flexibility and reduced administrative processes (see Figure 1 and Figure 2).

The contract for procurement under the Partnership Agreement is based on a Head Agreement that establishes the standard commercial terms agreed to by CDU and the NT Government for the engagement of services, thereby removing the need to duplicate this step for every individual procurement. Individual engagements form schedules to the Head Agreement and only contain project-specific information.

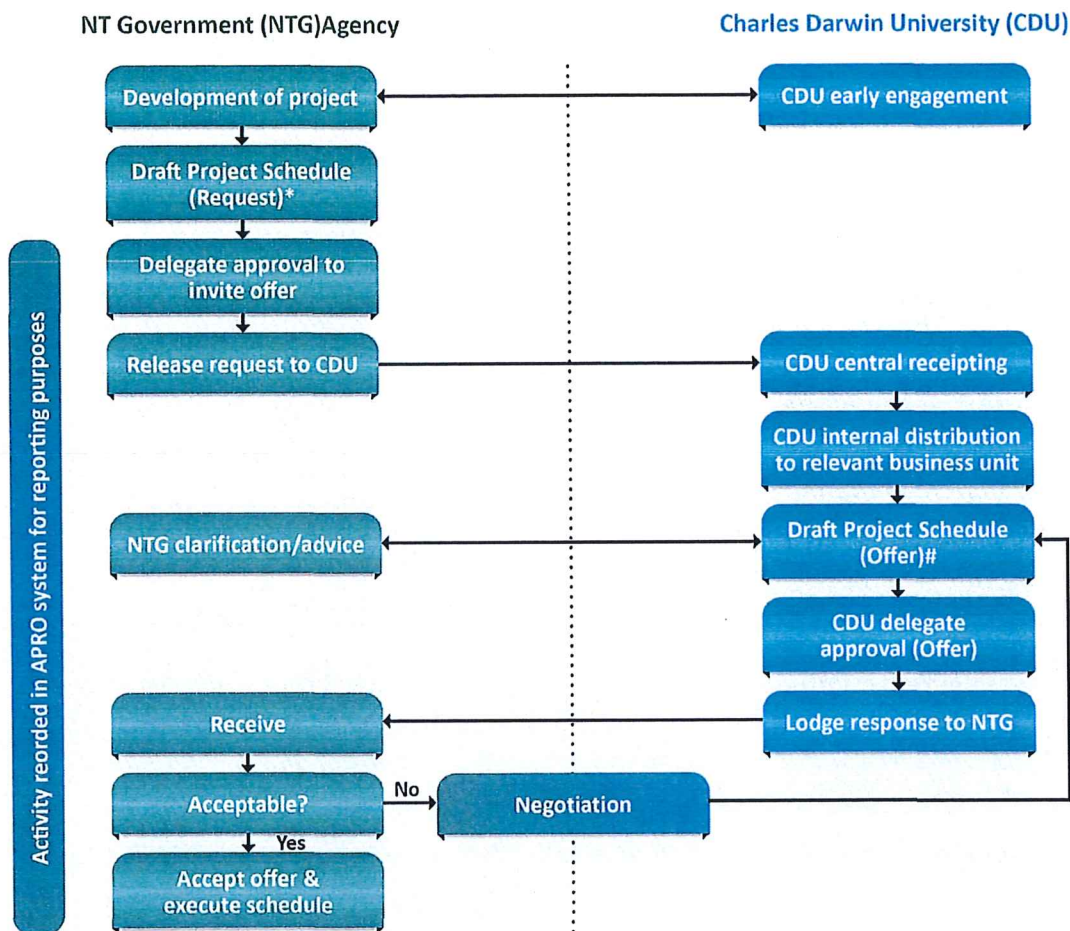
The process is applicable to all contract values.

Figure 1: Partnership Agreement procurement framework





FLOWCHART - Individual Project Schedule Development



* NTG prepare draft Project Schedule including details of the scope, special conditions (if required), deliverables and KPI/performance measure, along with guide notes for CDU on completing the remaining sections of the template.

CDU review draft Project Schedule and complete the methodology/approach, proposed resources, delivery timeline, pricing, and any other required information.

Procurement Documents

Standing Head Agreement

- Standard commercial terms
- Enable simplified engagement for individual projects
- Overarching governance/dispute resolution provided by the Partnership Agreement Executive Committee



Individual Project Schedules

- Standardised template with guide text for users
- Customisable to suite individual contracts, including special conditions if required
- Project details developed collaboratively between NTG & CDU
- Agencies responsible for managing individual project delivery