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### **DFES clarifies EOI for new Bushfire Centre of Excellence**

Local Governments in the South West Land Division interested in hosting the new Bushfire Centre of Excellence are not required to complete a formal tender.

Department of Fire and Emergency Services Rural Fire Division Executive Director Murray Carter said the first stage of the process was to establish the level of interest from Local Governments able to meet the requirements of the proposed facility.

“The Request for Proposal is intended to establish the level of interest from Local Governments in the South West Land Division to host the Bushfire Centre of Excellence in their area,” Mr Carter said.

“It isn’t a formal tender process and Local Governments do not need to submit a fully costed, detailed plan. They only need to demonstrate that they are able to meet the eligibility criteria.

“The Request for Proposal was lodged on the Tender WA website to ensure full probity, accountability and transparency, with all Local Governments receiving the same information, at the same time.”

The State Government announced in April 2018 plans for a Bushfire Centre of Excellence to be established for firefighting training, research and development in Western Australia

Interest in hosting the Centre was overwhelming and to ensure a fair and equitable process, DFES called for Request for Proposals via the Tender WA website.

The Request for Proposal closes on 24 October 2018.

The Request for Proposal, and additional addendums can be accessed here:

<https://www.tenders.wa.gov.au/watenders/tender/display/tender-details.do?CSRFNONCE=B07060A81080D137B0E025AEA54FADF0&id=41122&action=display-tender-details>

Local Governments are encouraged to contact DFES for more information.

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