Capture WA FAQ

What does the Capture WA Program do?

It procures and shares a range of location information; including but not limited to aerial imagery, satellite optical and radar imagery, Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), Digital Elevation Models (DEMs), cadastral data and topographic data. The program's coordinated approach to procurement improves efficiency, data accessibility, and prioritises intellectual property rights for the WA public sector.

Who can participate in the Capture WA program?

Any WA public sector agency or Local Government requiring the capture of location information.

How does the program benefit government agencies?

It leverages a panel of pre-approved suppliers to streamline procurement, reduce costs through shared funding opportunities and ensures high-quality, standardised spatial data for all participating agencies.

How do I access the Capture WA program?

Through the Capture WA Portal, an ESRI-powered map which assists GIS professionals to lodge requests and access program information. Contact your agency's registered GIS Capture WA Portal user or contact the Capture WA team: capturewa@landgate.wa.gov.au.

How do I become a Capture WA portal user?

Please email capturewa@landgate.wa.gov.au with the following information:

- Your name
- Local Government/Agency and section
- Position
- Work email (used for all correspondence)
- Telephone number

What do I need to submit a request?

- Type of capture required (aerial, satellite, LiDAR, etc)
- Known derived products
- Any specific technical requirements
- Capture period and preferred delivery timeline
- Area of Interest (AOI) in the form of a shapefile

- Supporting business case information if requiring Program funding.
- Contact details of the project manager

What funding models are available?

The Capture WA Program operates within a discrete budget and can facilitate one of three funding options:

- Program funded
- Agency self-funded
- Opportunity for a Co-funded arrangement.

Requests for program-funded captures are evaluated based on government priorities and require secondary evaluation by the Capture WA Technical Working Group, and final endorsement from the Walis Council before progressing to RFQ stage. If a request is not approved for program funding, the agency may choose to self-fund the project. In this case, Landgate can procure the request on behalf of the agency or help facilitate a co-funding arrangement with Landgate or another partner agency.

Can agencies procure location data outside of Capture WA?

Yes, however, using Capture WA ensures procurement efficiency, compliance with standards, and cost savings through coordinated efforts.

What is the process for emergency data acquisition?

Capture WA has provisions to quickly procure data from any qualified supplier under emergency protocols to assist with incident management. For more information on acquiring emergency data/imagery please contact the Capture WA team directly: capturewa@landgate.wa.gov.au.

Who owns the IP arising from the program?

The IP of any data captured (program, co-funded or self-funded) belongs to the State of Western Australia with Landgate overseeing the management on behalf of the State. The applicable licencing arrangements will determine the allowable usage of the data.

Are there any key dates or timing I need to be aware of?

Agencies can submit their requests at any time during the year, ideally with 3 months' notice. For submissions seeking program funding, business cases are required to be endorsed by Walis Council who meets quarterly (the last Thursday of February, May, August & November). Agencies are encouraged to submit their requests and business cases at least 6 weeks prior to be proposed at the Walis Council Meeting.