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ASX Announcement

## **Aquabotix's Product Placed on the GSA Schedule**

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- **Endura approved by the U.S. government for placement on the GSA Schedule.**
- **The GSA Schedule is a list of products pre-approved for purchase by U.S. government agencies (and includes pre-negotiated prices and purchase terms of these products).**
- **Aquabotix's UUVs now available to U.S. government agencies with the click of a button.**

**UUV Aquabotix Ltd (ASX:UUV)** ("Aquabotix" or the "Company") is pleased to advise that its Endura product has been approved for placement on, and placed on, the GSA Schedule.

The GSA (General Services Administration) is an agency of the United States government that supplies products for U.S. government offices and operates the Federal Acquisition Service (the FAS). As part of this effort, it maintains the GSA Schedule, which other U.S. government agencies can use to buy goods and services. Procurement managers from various U.S. government agencies can seamlessly make purchases of the products that are on the GSA Schedule, knowing that the terms of such purchases have been preset between the vendor and the GSA. The process is further streamlined through GSA Advantage, an online government purchasing service run by the GSA in order to provide a streamlined and efficient purchasing portal for U.S. governmental agency procurement. The official description of GSA Advantage refers to it as "the Federal Government's premier online shopping superstore."

As part of the placement on the GSA Schedule and GSA Advantage for federal procurement, Aquabotix's Endura has also been approved as qualifying for purchase through GSA Advantage by state and local governments.

This is an important step for the Company as it allows any U.S. federal agency and U.S. state and local government agencies, to buy Aquabotix's product seamlessly, from a pre-qualified catalogue of products. For clarity, bespoke governmental contracts for higher end, customised vehicles, such as the Company's recent U.S. Navy order announced on 2 May 2017, are not placed through the GSA Schedule or GSA Advantage and are awarded through a competitive and bespoke process.

Aquabotix's CEO Mr. Durval Tavares commented "The Company participates in governmental procurement processes, and has had success in this procurement channel. Inclusion on the GSA Schedule and in the GSA Advantage catalogue now allows for shorter-cycle, pre-approved procurement of the Company's uncustomised Endura product by the U.S. federal government, state and local agencies. Essentially, government employees with appropriate authority can now purchase an unmanned underwater vehicle from Aquabotix with a click of a button."

### **Further Information**

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### **About UUV Aquabotix Limited**

Based in Sydney, Australia and Fall River, Massachusetts, USA, Aquabotix is an established underwater robotics company which manufactures and sells commercial and industrial-grade underwater drones and networked underwater cameras for commercial, high-end consumer and military applications. The Company owns the intellectual property in a range of unmanned underwater vehicles and underwater camera products and is an early-mover in a nascent industry.

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