



Media Release

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TENDER PROCESS BEGINS FOR CBD METRO PROJECT

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Businesses and consortia interested in the design and construction of the CBD Metro will be asked to register their interest from tomorrow, NSW Transport Minister David Campbell said.

Mr Campbell said the NSW Government had introduced a streamlined three-stage tendering process to cater for high levels of interest in major contract packages for the CBD Metro.

“With construction of the seven kilometre underground CBD metro rail line set to commence in 2010, the first phase of the tender process is about to commence,” he said.

“The scale and complexity of the \$4.8 billion CBD Metro and the demands of its construction and operations require a detailed and structured approach to the tendering process.”

The three stages are:

1. Registration
2. Expression of Interest
3. Invitation to Tender

“We are aware of high levels of interest amongst Australian and international consortia which are keen to be part of Sydney’s transport future,” Mr Campbell said.

“As a first step in the structured tendering process, interested parties and consortia will be asked to register in advance of an Expressions of Interest stage.”

The first major package of work for the CBD Metro is the design and construction of the Permanent Route Infrastructure including:

- Tunnels and linings, drainage, cross passages and other works.
- Excavation for stations and passenger entrances.
- Temporary works required to enable construction.

Mr Campbell said registration for design and construction of the Permanent Route Infrastructure will begin on Monday, March 30 and will close at 5pm, Eastern Standard Time, on Friday, April 17.

Companies wishing to register need to log onto www.sydneymetro.nsw.gov.au, follow the prompts and download a registration form. Background information which provides a

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summary of the Permanent Route Infrastructure works package and the tendering process is also on the website.

Applicant companies and consortia will then need to complete the registration form and return it to Sydney Metro together with a \$5,000 registration bond, repayable upon receipt of a bona fide Expression of Interest.

Minister Campbell said the Expression of Interest stage would closely follow the registration stage.

“The contract for design and construction of the Permanent Route Infrastructure for the CBD Metro is expected to be awarded during mid 2010,” Mr Campbell said.

“Sydney Metro will soon begin a separate registration process for an Integrated Metro Operations contract, the second major package of work for the CBD Metro.”

Integrated Metro Operations will include:

- Safety, management and operating systems
- Provision of trains, tracks and signalling systems
- Train control and maintenance facilities
- Mechanical and electrical systems including high voltage power supply
- Control, monitoring, communications and security systems
- Station platforms, structures and station fitout
- Integration, testing and commissioning of the Metro
- Ongoing operations and maintenance of the Metro