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NSW Government releases data centre consolidation call

The NSW Government today announced a call for expressions of interest from the information technology sector to consolidate the Government's vast data storage and processing requirements.

Minister for Commerce, Jodi McKay, said expressions of interest were being sought for the provision of data centre capacity in two purpose-built, separate facilities by 2011.

"This project responds to the NSW Government Jobs Summit commitment to investigate data centre reform," Ms McKay said.

"Like all sectors of the economy, the NSW Government has a growing demand for data storage and computing capacity, and we want to ensure that we are using this as effectively and efficiently as possible."

Ms McKay said consolidating Government data storage and processing requirements will support up to 500 jobs, provide significant cost savings and a reduced carbon footprint.

"The market for purpose-built data centres has matured considerably over the last few years as demand for these services has increased," Ms McKay said.

"This has led to efficiencies that offer significant cost savings and environmental benefits which is what we are hoping to gain from this project."

Minister McKay said construction of the data centres is expected to be completed in 2011, providing a suitable option is identified.

"The Government will consider putting one or both of the data centres in regional areas and we are looking for the market to indicate whether this can be done effectively," Ms McKay said.