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Torrens Road to River Torrens shortlist announced

The Australian and South Australian Governments today announced the two shortlisted consortia bidding for the \$896 million Torrens Road to River Torrens Project major works contract.

The two shortlisted consortia are:

- T2T Alliance – Thiess, York Civil and Aurecon
- Connect – McConnell Dowell, Fulton Hogan, SMEC and AECOM.

A strong field responded to the EOI process with five consortia participating, and South Australian, Australian and international groups taking part.

The major works contract will deliver an upgraded 3.7 kilometre section of South Road between Torrens Road and the River Torrens.

The two shortlisted proponents have an existing presence in South Australia and previously were involved in major projects including the Goodwood Underpass, Northern Expressway and Seaford Rail Extension.

A competitive alliance procurement process is being pursued by the State Government, which will enable the packaging of works to increase opportunities for South Australian businesses, and also allow increased scrutiny on subcontracting practices.

The next part of the process will be the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase which will see the two shortlisted consortia engaged in competitive design and pricing over the next 20 weeks.

This process includes further development of an Industry Participation Plan to outline how the successful tenderer will engage South Australian-based businesses and employees, a key consideration in this project which is likely to support about 480 jobs a year during construction.

Unsuccessful tenderers will have another opportunity to tender for North-South Corridor upgrades, when the procurement process begins for the \$620 million Darlington Upgrade project in early 2015.

The \$896 million project includes a 2.5 kilometre section of non-stop travel, with 1.4 kilometres of lowered (non-stop) motorway under the Outer Harbor Rail line and Port and Grange Roads.

This will cut travel times for motorists traveling both north-south and east-west in this section.

The project will also see a new bridge for the Outer Harbor rail line over South Road.

Organisations not currently associated with one of the shortlisted consortia are able to register their interest in providing goods or services to the successful bidder through the Industry Capability Network by visiting <http://gateway.icn.org.au/>

The major works contract is expected to be awarded in the second quarter of 2015, ahead of major works starting in mid-2015, and the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

Preliminary works for the Torrens Road to River Torrens Project are already underway, with a \$6.8 million contract for roadworks at the South Road/Ashwin Parade intersection awarded to South Australian company Bardavcol.

The \$896 million Torrens Road to River Torrens South Road Upgrade project is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian Governments.

For more information call the project team on 1300 794 899 or visit www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/t2t.

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