



Media Release

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SHORTLIST MADE FOR SYDNEY METRO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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Three consortia made up of national and international companies have been shortlisted for Sydney Metro's major construction and tunneling contract, NSW Transport Minister David Campbell today said.

The three consortia will now compete for the contract to develop the Permanent Route Infrastructure (PRI) for the Sydney Metro, stage one, Central to Rozelle," Mr Campbell said.

"This is another important step forward in the development of the Sydney Metro, which is making significant progress," Mr Campbell said.

"Some of Australia's, and indeed the world's, leading engineering and construction companies are represented in the shortlist for the PRI contract.

"It comes just a week after we registered a very strong response from Industry, interested in fitting out and operating the Sydney Metro, stage one.

"Once again business in NSW is showing it is resilient to the doom saying and negative talk from the NSW Opposition, which has blatantly tried to undermine this project."

Mr Campbell said the three consortia had been selected from a list of five who submitted detailed expressions of interest in June.

They are (in no particular order):

Line 1	McConnell Dowell Corporation / Abigroup / Obayashi Corporation
Metro Primo	Leighton Contractors / S.E.L.I. Spa
Thiess / John Holland JV	Thiess / John Holland JV

"Reaching this major milestone in the contract process for the CBD Metro again emphasises that work on the project is steaming ahead," Mr Campbell said.

"The PRI contract will involve the major tunnelling work for the seven kilometre route between Central and Rozelle."

The works to be carried out by the successful company will also include:

- Constructing the structural lining in the tunnel, drainage, cross passages and other work; and
- Excavating the underground stations and passenger entrances

"The tender process will open for the shortlisted consortia in the coming weeks and will close in December this year.

"The contract will be awarded to the successful consortium in the second quarter of 2010."

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