

## Great Western Highway Upgrade Program

# Supporting local industry participation



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## About the program

Together, the Australian and NSW Governments are investing more than \$4.5 billion towards upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow.

The Katoomba to Lithgow duplication will provide major economic and safety benefits. It will improve the connection between Central West NSW and Sydney, reduce congestion, improve resilience and freight productivity, and provide a safer and more reliable journey for thousands of residents, commuters, tourists and freight operators who travel in, around and through the Blue Mountains.

The program includes:

- Medlow Bath Upgrade
  - An upgrade and duplication of the existing surface road corridor with intersection improvements and a new pedestrian bridge.
- Katoomba to Blackheath (East Section)
  - Upgrade, duplication and widening of the existing surface road corridor, with connections to a tunnel portal at Blackheath.
- Blackheath to Little Hartley (Central Section)
  - Construction of a tunnel bypass of Blackheath and Mount Victoria, with portals at Blackheath and Little Hartley.
- Little Hartley to Lithgow (West Section)
  - Upgrade, duplication and widening of the existing surface road corridor, with connections to a tunnel portal at Little Hartley.
- Coxs River Road Upgrade
  - An upgrade and duplication of the existing surface road corridor with a flyover interchange at Coxs River Road.

## Supply chain opportunities

The Great Western Highway Upgrade Program delivery model involves direct engagement of principal contractors. These principal contractors engage with suppliers and subcontractors to deliver their scope of work.

Transport for NSW (Transport) will ensure that the principal contractors are focused on delivering outcomes for the local community by embedding contract requirements in the following focus areas:

- Local and regional employment.
- Workforce skills development including apprenticeships.
- Workforce diversity including youth and female employment.
- Aboriginal participation.

## Supplying to the program

If your business has been selected as a subcontractor or supplier to deliver goods, services or equipment, you may need to demonstrate your ability to deliver on certain commitments.

For example, you will be required to deliver on local and Aboriginal industry and workforce participation and sustainability commitments. They may need you to:

- Demonstrate your commitment to the health, safety and wellbeing of your workforce.
- Integrate monitoring and reporting requirements into your business.
- Ensure your invoicing and inventory systems can supply required information.
- Supply information on procurement activities including use of local and Aboriginal business.
- Supply information on employment and training of local and Aboriginal workers.

### How to get involved with the program

1. Prepare a business capability statement that communicates what your business can offer to prospective buyers – focus on your innovative products and services. If you need support developing a business capability statement you can contact the Industry Capability Network at [gateway.icn.org.au](http://gateway.icn.org.au).
2. Register your company's capability with ICN Gateway ([gateway.icn.org.au](http://gateway.icn.org.au)), an online site connecting principal contractors with suppliers and service providers looking for contract opportunities. When you set up your company's profile, indicate areas of interest to ensure that you are notified about relevant project opportunities. To best connect in with the program, make sure you choose the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program as one of your areas of interest.
3. Ensure you understand the program's compliance requirements (e.g. 'Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016' and 'Workplace Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme') and prepare your business accordingly.
4. Make connections with principal contractors that have contracts with Transport to deliver the Great Western Highway Upgrade Program. The details of awarded contracts are available at [nswroads.work/gwhd](http://nswroads.work/gwhd).
5. Understand the products, services and equipment needed to deliver a project and how you can meet those needs.
6. Once the principal contractors have been awarded and set up their project, you can register your interest in work packages on ICN Gateway where your business information is shared with the contractors for their consideration.
7. As opportunities may be advertised through many different channels, we recommend monitoring ICN Gateway, the program website at [nswroads.work/gwhd](http://nswroads.work/gwhd) and the principal contractors' websites and social media accounts.
8. Attend industry events and briefings. These forums provide beneficial opportunities to interact with others in the industry.
9. Engage with key industry associations and professional bodies, and local Chambers of Commerce, to expand your contact base and take advantage of assistance and advocacy offered by these organisations.

10. If you're looking to grow, build capability or increase your competitiveness, access the Social Procurement and Workforce Development Resource Guide and other support resources at the Transport Infrastructure Industry Portal at [caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip/spw](http://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip/spw).

### Program skills and industry support

The Great Western Highway Upgrade will provide local and regional people and businesses a unique opportunity to develop skills and capacity and reap the benefits of nearly a decade of construction.

The NSW State Government is working collaboratively with industry and training providers to make sure that local people have access to the training and skills they need, and that local employment pathways are developed and supported.

### Further information

Please visit [nswroads.work/gwhd](http://nswroads.work/gwhd) to:

- Learn more about becoming part of the Great Western Highway Upgrade supply chain
- Access information on the programs supply principles and commitments
- Find out when future briefings and business capability workshops are scheduled

Program specific Skills, Employment and Industry Development initiatives and support is available at [nswroads.work/gwhindustry](http://nswroads.work/gwhindustry).

The Transport Industry Portal is a useful tool for additional support, it can be accessed by visiting [caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip/spw](http://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip/spw).

For further information on requirements please visit [roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/prequalification](http://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/prequalification).

### Contact information



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