

Echuca-Moama Bridge Project Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) 31 Jan 2019

Over the past few months, C4EM have been working to identify how local business and industry can participate in the business opportunities relating to the Echuca-Moama Bridge Project.

We have primarily been working with the Industry Capability Network (ICN) to understand how the process works.

Last week we issued a joint media release with ICN, MRPV and local government to explain the process (see attachment) Since that time, we have fielded various phone calls about the finer details and how it works.

This FAQ Information Sheet is designed to share some of the FAQ's about the project that we have received.

Feel free to share this information amongst your networks.

Q: What is the opportunity?

A: Potential supply of goods and services to the successful tender organisation who will undertake the construction for Stage 3 of the Murray River Crossing Echuca-Moama Bridge Project (Main River Crossing).

Q: Is there any guarantee of work, and when will it start?

A: No, there is no guarantee of work. The opportunities may commence at some point in the next 12-18 months, depending on the type of goods or service you offer.

Q: What is the background, and the scope of the project?

A: Echuca in Victoria, and Moama in New South Wales are connected by a single Murray River Bridge which was built in 1878. This crossing provides an important link for local traffic between the two towns and surrounding regions. Alongside NSW Roads and Maritime Services (Roads and Maritime), the Victorian government has carried out extensive planning investigations to identify options for a second Murray River crossing to connect Echuca and Moama. In March 2016 the Victorian Minister for Planning approved the Echuca-Moama Bridge Project which was a key step towards delivering the long-awaited second Murray River crossing. The project was approved in NSW in April 2016. This approval allowed VicRoads and Roads and Maritime to finalise development of the preferred Mid-West option for the bridge route, which will connect

the Murray Valley Highway and Warren Street at Echuca with the Cobb Highway at Perricoota Road in Moama. The project is scheduled for completion prior to the end of 2021.

Q: Where is the project up to?

A: The tendering process for Stage 3 (Main River Crossing) is underway at present. It has not been awarded.

Stage 1 - Murray Valley Highway/Warren Street Intersection Upgrade. This has been awarded to RE Civil Pty Ltd and has been completed.

Stage 2 - Warren Street Upgrade. This has been awarded to Winslow Constructions, and work is well underway.

Stage 3 - Main River Crossing. The tendering process for Stage 3 (Main River Crossing) is underway at present. It has not been awarded. Three bidders have been shortlisted to tender; CPB, McConnell Dowell and River Connects. The tender is due to be awarded mid 2019.

Stage 4- Upgrades to the Cobb Highway, Meninya Street and Perricoota Road intersections. This is scheduled for 2019 and will be delivered by NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

Q: Who is involved?

A: Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV), together with NSW Roads and Maritime Services, are building the new bridge and associated infrastructure. They engage contractors for the construction of different elements.

Industry Capability Network (ICN) work with MRPV and contractors to link local business and contractors.

Committee for Echuca Moama (C4EM) assist local business people to understand the process and how to get involved. They work with MRPV, ICN and Council to do this.

Q: How do I let the three shortlisted bidders know what goods and services I can offer?

A: Read about ICN and how the 'Gateway' works here: <https://icn.org.au/victoria>

Step 1: If you are not already an ICN subscriber, register your company details here: <https://gateway.icn.org.au/company/wizard>? If you are already subscribed, skip ahead to Step 2 and log in.

Step 2: Lodge your 'Expression of Interest' <https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/3971/murray-river-crossing-echuca-moama-bridge-project>

- Scroll down to the bottom, right hand side of the screen
- Click on 'Full Scope EOI' (black pencil)
- Lodge your EOI.

This will lodge your details with all three of the shortlisted bidders, and the overall project.

Note: RiverConnects are one of three shortlisted bidders for stage 3 of the project and will have an information session for local suppliers on 5 February 2019. This event is independently arranged and not affiliated with MRPV, C4EM or CSC. They have not been awarded the tender but are interested to meet with and understand the capability of local suppliers to inform their tender submission.

Riverconnects are a consortium that consists of Acciona Construction Australia, Arup, Aurecon and Ace Contractors.

Specifically, RiverConnects are looking for suppliers of :

- Barriers / Railing
- Bridge works
- Concrete both supply and supply/install
- Drainage
- Earthworks including landscaping
- Environmental Work
- Fencing
- Labour
- Lighting
- Pavements including line marking
- Piling
- Plant Hire and transport
- Precast Works both supply and supply/install
- Roadworks including traffic management
- Site Accommodation
- Steelwork both supply and supply/install
- Timber supply
- Utilities

Step 3: (Optional) Lodge another EOI with 'RiverConnects'

here:<https://gateway.icn.org.au/project/4257/riverconnects-bid-murray-river-crossing-echuca-moama-bridge-project-stage-3-bid-phase?st=projects&psid=1548802672>

If you wish, you can attend their information session next week by registering here:<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-riverconnects-tickets-55193437056>

Q: Where do I get more information?

A:

- Check out the map
here: http://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/346677/Echuca-Moama-upgrade-map-branded.pdf
- Read more and subscribe for email updates from MRPV
here: <http://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/echuca-moama-bridge>
- Read the Media Release here: <https://www.c4em.com/latest-news> , or see attachment.
- Questions about ICN and the Gateway phone Noel Morton on 0409 182 952
- General enquiries: Nina O'Brien C4EM 0409 804 415

It is likely that further information sessions will be held after the successful bidder of Stage 3 is announced. We will let you know about this in due course.

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