

Gold Coast Rapid Transit

Local employment opportunities

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring competitive local industry is given every opportunity to participate in infrastructure and resource-based projects. Construction has commenced on Stage One of the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project, a 13 kilometre light rail system linking Griffith University with Broadbeach.

Local participation plan

The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project represents one of the biggest infrastructure projects in the region and will assist in developing short term and long term employment opportunities for local contractors and industries.

The project aims to give local business (contractors and suppliers) the know-how to understand what qualifications are needed to gain work or supply the government infrastructure projects planned over the next few years.

Getting ready for work

The opportunity for smaller companies, who may not meet the criteria, is to work under a Principal Contractor who meets the wider government requirements.

To secure government contracts, companies tendering for work need be able meet certain prerequisites such as competency levels and relevant accreditations. This helps to minimise the risk for the government, and the taxpayer. Lead contractors also require their sub-contractors to have appropriate accreditations before engaging them for large projects. Some of these areas include:

- safety, including safe work method statements, and site safety requirements
- quality assurance, which meet industry and department standards.

Subcontractors are also expected to have the ability to minimise impacts to the environment and the community and have a good knowledge of managing these impacts.

The local online industry register

The GCRT local online industry register has been established to facilitate extra exposure and communications between principal contractors and local business operators looking to be involved in GCRT work packages.

This register will be provided to the companies bidding for these work packages and the GCRT project has encouraged them to make use of local skills as a priority.



Above: Local surveyors working in the light rail corridor.

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How to register

Its simple to register as a local supplier.

Step 1

Go to the project website at:

www.goldcoastrapidtransit.qld.gov.au

Step 2

Click on the blue 'Online Local Industry Register' button on the left side of the website home page.

Step 3

You should now be on the online local industry register webpage.

This page explains what you need to know about the online local industry register. It is important that you read this information before you register your details.

To register, click on 'register your details now'.

Step 4

Enter your details into the online form. Form fields marked with a red asterisk * are mandatory – you must fill out these fields.

Step 5

Once you have entered your details, click on 'submit'. Your details will appear for you to review and confirm prior to the final submission.

If you do not have access to the internet, phone the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project office on 1800 967 377 for assistance.

Step 6

Once registered, a confirmation email will be sent to the email address that you have entered into the online form.

Timelines

The online local industry register will be made available to the companies bidding for their consideration when selecting a local workforce. The first major early works contract was awarded in June 2010, two other significant work packages will be awarded later in the year. The project expects to appoint the Operator Franchisee by mid 2011, with construction due to start late 2011.

Local businesses and tradespeople are encouraged to join the register as soon as possible.

How can you get help?

There are other government agencies which can assist you in preparing for work on the Gold Coast.

The Industry Capability Network (ICN) has a network of offices across Australia and New Zealand, and offers major projects assistance to meet Local Industry Participation obligations. It also provides assistance to help local suppliers gain work on major projects.

Contact:

Phone 07 3364 0670

www.icnqld.org.au or **www.projectgateway.icn.org.au**

The Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) offer a range of business support and assistance services, including workshops in tendering for government businesses.

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Project milestones

Milestone	Target Date
Commence Construction of the Gold Coast University Hospital Station Shell (Parklands Drive)	July 2010
Commence Roadworks North and South	Late 2010
Operator Franchise bids close	Late 2010
Completion of Gold Coast University Hospital Station Shell (Parklands Drive)	Late 2011
Completion of Roadworks Program North and South	Late 2011
Operator Franchise - construction begins	Late 2011
Commencement of Gold Coast Rapid Transit Services	2014

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