

## **Local business opportunities for new stadium**

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### **•‘ProjectConnect’ now live for new Perth Stadium construction tenders •Opportunities for local and small businesses**

THE portal to advertise tenders for the construction of the new Perth Stadium and surrounding Sports Precinct is now live, offering opportunities for businesses of all sizes to play a part in the delivery of this world-class venue.

Small Business Minister Joe Francis said 12 packages were expected to be offered before the end of 2014. With a combined value of more than \$140 million, they will include the provision of tower cranes, form work and concrete supply, rigging, precast walls, beams and planks, structural steel and site security services.

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ‘ProjectConnect’ will advertise construction phase tenders on behalf of the Westadium construction contractor, Brookfield Multiplex.

“The new Perth Stadium is a major project for the State and 100 tenders are expected to be awarded during the three-year construction period - a great opportunity for local businesses,” Mr Francis said.

“All State Government contracts require the contractor to provide supply opportunities for competitive local businesses and this landmark project is of particular significance.”

In July, Premier Colin Barnett and Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron announced that Westadium had been appointed to design, build, partially finance and maintain the new Perth Stadium.

Mr Waldron said while the Burswood site was being prepared for construction to start at the end of the year, the detailed design development phase continued.

“Our nine user groups are significantly involved in design development, and over the next six months they will continue to provide input, ensuring the design responds appropriately to the requirements for each group,” he said.

An estimated 5700 jobs will be created during the construction phase of the new Perth Stadium and Sports Precinct. Construction will begin at the end of 2014 and is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2018 AFL season.

Small Business Commissioner David Eaton said the portal would provide numerous opportunities for local contractors and businesses with flow-on opportunities for local sub-contractors.

“The ProjectConnect website provides a convenient location where these opportunities will be available online and bids for a range of tenders can be made,” he said.

“It goes without saying that Perth Stadium is a major project for Western Australia and its construction will offer plenty of opportunities for the local business sector over the next few years.

“As with entering into any contract, it’s always important to keep your eyes open, and make sure you are across all the commercial opportunities and obligations.

“We want to help small businesses make the most of the many opportunities that government projects will have on offer.

“For people needing assistance, the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC) can provide impartial advice and guidance for small business operators across WA.”

The SBDC has a range of services available online, by phone or at its business information centre in the Perth CBD.

#### **Fact file**

- The URL for ProjectConnect is <http://www.projectconnect.com.au>
- Under the DBFM (design, build, partially finance and maintain) procurement model, Westadium will procure all of the necessary goods and services required. The State Government will not contract directly with suppliers for these elements of the project
- Further information and updates will be posted at <http://www.perthstadium.com.au>

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*Business Minister Joe Francis, Small Business Commissioner David Eaton, Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA CEO Deirdre Willmott and Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron announcing the ProjectConnect website is now live for Perth Stadium constructions tenders.*

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