

HOUSING INNOVATIONS UNIT UPDATE

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Expressions of Interest – Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations

On Saturday 2 May 2009 the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) placed advertisements in regional newspapers seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations who wish to contribute to the reform of Tasmania's social housing system through the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan (NBESP).

Under the NBESP, Tasmania has committed to the delivery of a significant number of reforms to the social housing system. These reforms will require the involvement of suitable Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations that can achieve the scale and capacity to drive growth in the future supply of social and affordable housing. This EOI process is seeking proposals that can support and contribute to these reforms.

Interested Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations can download the call for EOIs and proposal forms from the DHHS' website by visiting the following link:

www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_communities/housing_innovations_unit/nation_building_150_economic_stimulus_plan

Request for Tenders – Social Housing Construction

A further series of advertisements will appear in regional newspapers this Saturday 9 May 2009 requesting tenders for the construction of up to 400 new homes for social housing across Tasmania. These homes represent the bulk of Tasmania's share of social housing to be constructed under the NBESP – the building and construction industry's main opportunity to get on board with the Stimulus Plan and reap the benefits.

The advertisements will also call for tenders from parties wishing to sell vacant land parcels that are suitable for residential development.

Tender documentation will be made available from the DHHS's website from **9.00am Wednesday 13 May 2009**. Interested parties will need to download and complete the relevant information via the following link from next Wednesday:

www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_communities/housing_innovations_unit/nation_building_150_economic_stimulus_plan

Pre-Tender Briefing Sessions

Given the significant level of interest around both the EOI for Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations and the RFT for Social Housing Construction, the DHHS will be holding pre-tender briefing sessions in each region of the State to assist businesses and organisations putting together a proposal under the Stimulus Plan. Attendance at the briefing sessions is open to anyone with an interest in the current EOI and RFT processes.

The briefing sessions will be held at the following times and locations:

Burnie	Launceston	Hobart
9.00am – 11.00am	2.30pm – 4.30pm	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 14 May 2009	Thursday 14 May 2009	Friday 15 May 2009
Burnie Civic Centre	Launceston Tram Shed & Function Centre, Inveresk Rail Yard	Mercure Hobart
Wilmot St, Burnie	4 Invermay Rd, Mowbray	156 Bathurst St, Hobart

Participants are asked to RSVP their attendance by contacting Kristy Warren on 6236 5619 or kristy.warren@dhhs.tas.gov.au.

Feedback from Property Council Forum

On Tuesday 28 April 2009 the State Government held a joint information session with the Property Council of Australia on both the Social Housing Initiative and the Building the Education Revolution components of the NBESP. The information session was very well attended, with a number of participants travelling to Hobart from North and North Western parts of the State.

The session featured guest speakers from the Housing Innovations Unit (HIU), Department of Treasury and Finance, Department of Education, Property Council of Australia, Master Builders Tasmania, Residential Development Council of Australia, Community Housing Limited and Xsquared Architects. A number of the presentations delivered on day are now available to download from the DHHS' website. To view the presentations click on the link below and refer to 'features:'

www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/future_communities/housing_innovations_unit/nation_building_150_economic_stimulus_plan

Upcoming Tender Opportunities

It is anticipated that the DHHS' last major request for tenders under the NBESP will be issued in June of this year. This tender process will seek proposals for both the 'design' and 'design and construction' of social housing on State Government owned land. The HIU will send an advisory to its contact list closer to the time.

Key Dates to Remember

Monday 1 June 2009 – closing date for EOIs from Not-For-Profit Housing Organisations under the NBESP Social Housing Initiative Stage 2

Tuesday 2 June 2009 – closing date for RFTs for 'Sale off the Plan Projects,' 'Sale of Land and Design & Construction Projects' and 'Sale of Land Projects' under the NBESP Social Housing Initiative Stage 2

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