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First Round of funding for Primary Schools for the 21st Century announced

The Australian Government announced this week that 410 government and non-government primary schools in NSW will receive \$642 million of funding under Round One of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century Program (P21).

The NSW Government will invest Round One funds in public schools across the state to start the delivery of the capital works program which will include new libraries, halls and classrooms. These projects are in addition to the ongoing NSW Government work to improve and maintain our schools. The NSW Government's own \$2 billion Building Better Schools program is also well underway and includes new science labs, security fences, halls and gymnasiums.

The list of schools given funding in this first round is available at

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingTheEducationRevolution/Documents/BER%20P21%20Round%20One%20Tables NSW.pdf](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingTheEducationRevolution/Documents/BER%20P21%20Round%20One%20Tables%20NSW.pdf)

Closing date for Round 2 of Education submissions to the Australian Government

Round 2 funding applications to the Australian Government for the P21 component of the Building the Education Revolution Program (BER) are going in next week.

Nominations for capital works were gathered from NSW's 1,815 Primary/Central and Special Schools in March and April and 10 Principal Liaison Officers have been working with School Principals on the funding applications before sending them to Canberra. By early next week the aim is for 60% of schools to have been identified for funding out of the NSW Government schools \$2.7bn share of the P21 Program.

The huge scale of this process has meant over 60 people have been working day and night in the BER Integrated Program Office. Once Round 2 of funding is announced in June the Managing Contractors will begin the huge process of delivering on this program – as well as what they have already started with in Round One.

Update on the Expressions of Interest (EOI) registered by businesses in NSW

2029 businesses have now registered on the NSW Department of Education and Training website for the BER program of works.

There has also been an overwhelming interest in Housing NSW projects. A reminder that the EOI for the builders' panel closes on **Monday 18 May**. This revised panel of accredited builders will be operational from late June. To register your EOI, visit the NSW Government's e-tendering site <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au>

The Master Builders Association (MBA) has been assisting smaller building industry contractors to register an EOI. So far 745 contractors have registered their interest across all regions in NSW.

To lodge an EOI, go to the MBA website www.mbansw.asn.au and click on the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan icon.



Guidelines for the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan Social Housing Submissions

The Australian Government has guidelines for the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan and Social Housing Initiative. These guidelines outline the Australian Government's expectations for how States and Territories will access their funding allocations.

The guidelines include various aspects associated with job creation in construction, social access issues for tenants, building code compliance and 'universal design principles'. In particular specific environmental requirements are outlined for dwellings that are to be constructed under the Nation Building Program.

To download the guidelines visit

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/housing/pubs/housing/socialhousing/social_housing_init_guidelines/Pages/default.aspx

Works start on Housing projects

The homes funded through Stage One need to be ready for tenants to move in by June 2010. In response to this tight timeframe the NSW Government has already commenced work on 32 separate projects across the state in order to achieve this objective. When the stimulus package is fully underway in about 12 months, there will be around 35,000 individual social housing construction projects around the country.

For more information visit the Housing NSW website at www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Reminder about regional registration with Managing Contractors

If you are involved in the construction industry and want to apply for work that is available under the Primary Schools capital works program, you need to register with your local Managing Contractor. See details below:

Hunter and Central Coast

Contact Bovis Lend Lease via email: ourschools@lendlease.com.au

Illawarra / South East

Contact Richard Crookes Construction on (02) 9902 4700

New England

Contact The Reed Group on (02) 9965 0399 or email BERenquiries@reedgroup.com.au

North Coast

Contact The Reed Group on (02) 9965 0399 or email BERenquiries@reedgroup.com.au

Northern Sydney

Contact Bovis Lend Lease via email: ourschools@lendlease.com.au

South Western Sydney

Contact Hansen Yuncken on (02) 9770 7600

Sydney Region

Contact Abigroup via email ber.syd@abigroup.com.au

Western NSW Region

Contact Laing O'Rourke on (02) 9903 0775 or email BER@laingorourke.com.au

Western Sydney

Contact Brookfield Multiplex visit www.brookfieldmultiplex.com

Riverina

Contact Laing O'Rourke on (02) 9903 0775 or email BER@laingorourke.com.au

You can also register on the NSW Department of Education and Training website. Go to www.det.nsw.edu.au and follow the link for "Building the Education Revolution - Register your interest".



Visit the Commonwealth Nation Building and Economic Stimulus website

www.australia.gov.au/economicstimulus keeps Australians informed about the Australian economy and the Australian Government's early and decisive action to cushion the nation from the worst of the global financial recession.

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