

News Release from Crossrail

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Up to 14,000 Jobs Anticipated as Key Crossrail Contract Awarded

Europe's largest construction project on schedule with award of £400m Project Delivery Partner contract.

The creation of thousands of jobs in the capital is another step closer after Crossrail Limited announced today that it intends to appoint Bechtel Limited as the Project Delivery Partner for the Crossrail project.

As Project Delivery Partner, Bechtel Ltd will be responsible for overseeing delivery of the core central tunnelled section of the Crossrail route and will also manage the design process. This follows the recent announcement that Transcend will help Crossrail as Programme Partner to deliver safely the overall programme to time, to the desired standard and within budget.

This significant milestone means Crossrail remains on schedule. It will be Europe's largest construction project and add ten per cent to the capacity of public transport in the capital. When completed in 2017 Crossrail will be the biggest addition to the transport network in London and the South East for 50 years. In line with European procurement requirements, there now follows a minimum ten day stand-still period before the award of contract can be confirmed.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, said: "This is the latest significant step towards the delivery of Crossrail and demonstrates its genuine momentum. It comes at a particularly pertinent time, as I believe the project will help London through the recession. At the height of construction, up to 14,000 people will be employed and we anticipate that the vast majority of the jobs required to fulfil these contracts will be created in London and the UK, which can only be good news for the capital."

Transport Minister, Andrew Adonis, said: "With the award of the Project Delivery Partner contract, Crossrail can now proceed at speed towards the start of main construction works commencing in 2010 and the start of what will be the largest construction project in Europe. Crossrail is vital to the economic future of London and the UK and is certainly the most important transport project to be delivered in the UK

during the next decade. Its construction and operation will contribute billions to the economy, create thousands of additional jobs and provide vastly important transport connections between Heathrow, central London, Docklands and the South East."

Announcing the intention to award the contract Douglas Oakervee, Non-Executive Chairman of Crossrail said: "The selection of the Project Delivery Partner following such a competitive procurement process marks a significant milestone in the delivery of Crossrail. With the appointment of Bechtel Ltd as Project Delivery Partner Crossrail will have world class expertise in place to oversee the project management of this new railway and delivery of the Crossrail tunnels through central London and on to Docklands and Woolwich."

The value of the Project Delivery Partner contract is in the region of £400m. To deliver the actual construction of the railway, Crossrail Limited will subsequently award a series of design and construction contracts. Construction of the new Isle of Dogs Crossrail station will begin later this year, as will the redevelopment of Tottenham Court Road Tube station.

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Project Delivery Partner

The short-listed tenderers for stage two were:

- Legacy 3, a joint venture between Parsons Brinckerhoff Ltd, Balfour Beatty Management Ltd and Davis Langdon Programme Management Ltd
- Bechtel Ltd
- Laing O'Rourke Holdings Limited
- A joint venture between Capita Symonds Ltd and Northcroft Ltd

Crossrail progress

The Crossrail Act received Royal Assent on 22 July 2008, granting the powers to build the railway. On 24 July 2008, Crossrail Limited (CRL) was appointed the lead Nominated Undertaker for the delivery of the railway.

Since then, Crossrail has been moving rapidly ahead and progress includes:

- New Crossrail Board appointed with five Non-Executive Directors
- Rob Holden appointed Chief Executive, effective 1 April 2009
- Terry Morgan appointed Non-Executive Chairman, effective later this year
- Tony Gregory appointed Crossrail Complaints Commissioner, effective 1 April 2009.
- Compulsory Purchase Notices issued and property acquired at Tottenham Court Road.
- Tender issued for £500m London Underground works at Tottenham Court Road. The contract for the Crossrail works at Tottenham Court Road will be advertised at a later date.
- Signing of £230m funding agreement with BAA.
- Signing of £350m funding agreement with the City of London.
- Signing of main agreements underpinning governance.
- Signing of £150m funding agreement with the Canary Wharf Group, with CWG taking responsibility for design and construction of the Crossrail Isle of Dogs station.
- Crossrail appointed DHL to recommend logistical strategy to minimise impact of construction on central London.
- Award of Crossrail Programme Partner contract to Transcend.

Crossrail is promoted by Crossrail Limited (CRL). CRL became a wholly owned subsidiary of Transport for London on 5 December 2008.

Crossrail will run 118 km from Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west, through new twin-bore 21 km tunnels under central London to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east. It will bring an additional 1.5 million people within 60 minutes commuting distance of London's key business districts. When Crossrail opens in 2017 it will increase London's public transport network capacity by 10 per cent, supporting regeneration across the capital, helping to secure London's position as a world leading financial centre, and cutting journey times across the city.

Preparatory works will continue throughout 2009. Main Crossrail construction starts in 2010. Crossrail is scheduled to open for service in 2017.

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