

News Release from Crossrail

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Crossrail announces short-list for Programme Partner

Crossrail, today announced that three organisations have been short-listed for stage two of the programme partner tendering process.

The short-listed tenderers for stage two are Bechtel, Legacy 3 - a joint venture between Parsons Brinckerhoff, Balfour Beatty Management and Davis Langdon, and Transcend - a joint venture between AECOM, CH2M Hill and Nichols Group.

The programme partner will help Crossrail, the largest addition to the transport network in London and the South East for 50 years, fulfil its obligations to deliver safely the overall programme to time, to the desired standard and within budget. The programme partner will also bring additional qualified, skilled and experienced resources to supplement the core Crossrail team.

Stage two tenders will be returned in December and an announcement about the appointment is expected in early 2009. This is another important step forward in the delivery of Crossrail following parliamentary approval for this new £15.9bn rail route in July and the signing of a £230m funding agreement between DfT and BAA earlier this month.

Commenting on the announcement Steve Rowsell, Head of Procurement at Crossrail said: "The evaluation of tenders for stage one of the programme partner procurement exercise is complete and each of these three organisations brings considerable experience of undertaking complex transport projects. One of the keys to success in this part of the bidding process is chemistry between us, as a client, and our programme partner. We look forward to having an integrated team in place next year to deliver this world-class railway."

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Programme Partner

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Crossrail progress

Crossrail's £15.9 billion funding package was announced by the Prime Minister Gordon Brown on 5 October 2007. The Crossrail Act received Royal Assent on 22 July 2008. On 24 July, Cross London Rail Links Ltd (CLRL) 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 four Non-Executive Directors
- Terry Morgan appointed non-Executive Chairman with effect from November 2009. Recruitment for Chief Executive Officer is underway
- Compulsory Purchase Notices issued at Tottenham Court Road
- Tender issued for £500m London Underground works at Tottenham Court Road along with trial trenches and utility diversions to enable main construction to commence early 2009. The contract for the Crossrail works at Tottenham Court Road will be advertised at a later date.
- Signing of £230m funding agreement with BAA, with main agreements underpinning governance expected by the end of 2008.

Crossrail is promoted by CLRL, currently jointly owned by the Department of Transport and Transport for London but shortly to become a wholly owned subsidiary of Transport for London.

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 for Crossrail will begin in 2009 with main construction starting in 2010. It is scheduled to open for service in 2017.

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