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Experienced technicians wanted for **nbn™** network in Tasmania

nbn launched its *Experienced Workers* campaign today, one of several campaigns aimed at attracting around 150 additional workers into the rollout in Tasmania, and an additional 4,500 workers nationally.

nbn is urging experienced telecommunications technicians and workers to join the network rollout in Tasmania as it ramps up in 2016 and beyond.

Experienced workers are needed now to help with the rollout and to train and mentor younger telecommunications workers for the future.

nbn Corporate Affairs Manager Tasmania Russell Kelly said the rollout in Tasmania is creating opportunities for experienced workers to re-enter the industry and use their lifetime of skills to help build and maintain the network.

"The **nbn™** network rollout in Tasmania has had its best year ever – in 2015 we grew the footprint by 79% and doubled the number of premises that were activated.

"As at 31 December 2015, over 116,000 Tasmanian premises can connect to the **nbn™** network, with over 54,000 having chosen to do so.

"We are about 45% through the rollout and are about to hit a surge of new activity.

"This year with the rollout of fibre to the node technology that uses the existing copper network to help deliver fast broadband, we especially need workers experienced in copper technology.

"We also recognise that a significant proportion of the telecommunications workforce may retire in the next five years – so it's important we're training a new generation."

Experienced workers are especially needed to fill roles as telecommunications technicians, fibre splicers, linesworkers and copper cable jointers.

Mr Kelly said the campaign would link experienced workers with **nbn's** Delivery Partners and subcontractors with work beginning as soon as possible.

The *Experienced Worker* campaign is part of the **nbn's** \$40 million *Industry Workforce Development Program* aimed at stimulating the employment and training of an additional 4,500 workers to construct, operate and maintain the network. The program also aims to



develop and maintain a sustainable and competent workforce through the deployment of enAble™, an online accreditation, training, and assessment portal.

It follows a very successful *Career Start* campaign, which attracted over 1500 expressions of interest from less experienced and younger people nationwide to kick start their careers in the telecommunications industry.

Successful candidates will be employed by a Delivery Partner or subcontractor. Once the **nbn™** network construction is completed, long-term opportunities will exist as the network moves into ongoing operations and maintenance.

To find out more or register your interest visit www.nbn.com.au/workforce

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