

## Media Release

### Request for Capability Statement (RCS) issued for Design and Construction – Fibre Access Network

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NBN Co today announced it is seeking suitably qualified companies, joint ventures or consortia to provide design and construction services for the progressive rollout of the Fibre Access Network to 90% of Australian premises.

NBN Co has issued a Request for Capability Statement (RCS) to start the formal engagement process with industry and expects to issue a formal RFP in June or July this year.

The contractors NBN Co will be seeking responses from will need to demonstrate capability to undertake work of significant size and complexity and to gradually ramp up activities nationally.

The process will also encourage mid tier and smaller contractors that wish to register an interest and will ultimately help them offer their services to the head contractors.

Head of Construction, Patrick Flannigan, said the core values of maintaining safe work environments, maximising Australian content, and driving for innovation and training were high on NBN Co's selection list as the organisation progressively built the network.

He said NBN Co wanted to hear from companies that have the proven capability to deliver large scale infrastructure projects in Australia across a diverse geographic area in a safe, efficient, effective and collaborative manner.

Companies must comply with all the necessary Federal, State and Local government obligations and requirements and they must also be aware of the Industry Capability Network which helps small to medium business to get work from major Government projects.

Mr Flannigan said planned physical construction would involve a staged approach which would eventually pass more than ten million premises over eight years and require laying more than 200,000 kilometres of fibre cable.

This Request for Capability Statement will be available from NBN Co's website [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au) from **5pm Monday the 29th of March 2010** with written and electronic responses required by **5pm Tuesday 27th of April 2010**.

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