

City Rail Link Market Sounding Notice

Auckland Transport is developing its procurement strategy for the construction of the City Rail Link (CRL) project, an underground network extension linking the Britomart Transport Centre and the city centre with the existing western line near Mt Eden.

The CRL is Auckland's top transport priority. Auckland will grow by more than 700,000 people over the next 30 years and the CRL is part of the solution to keep Auckland moving. The CRL will include twin 3.4km tunnels up to 42 metres below the city centre streets, two new and one redeveloped station and is estimated to take five and a half years to build at a cost of \$2.5 billion.

During the past decade, rail patronage has increased from 4 million trips a year to 15 million. Further growth of the rail system, including increases to train frequency, is constrained by a dead end at Britomart which limits train movement into and out of the station. CRL will allow trains to run both ways through the city centre doubling the number of trains able to access the network.

Auckland Transport is inviting established companies active in the rail sector to register their interest in providing input into the proposed procurement approach, the project packaging, contract and delivery models and the programme. The primary objectives of this process is to:

- Obtain early feedback on potential procurement considerations
- Discuss options
- Gather information to refine the procurement strategy
- Test the anticipated programme and process

Participation in the market sounding is separate from any future procurement process. The information provided by the market sounding participants will be recognised as guiding only. The information will be summarised and published on the project website at the end of this process. Participation or non-participation in the market sounding and information received will not influence or impact future participation or the ability to participate in the future tender process for CRL.

Auckland Transport reserves the right to invite registered participants to provide additional information relating to their submissions and attend individual interactive meetings in Auckland. These will be held from 26 January to 22 February 2016 and conducted in English. Information related to the market sounding and procurement options for the project will be incrementally uploaded to the project website: <https://at.govt.nz/crl/> between 27 November and 14 December, 2015.

If you believe you can provide a contribution to Auckland Transport in this process please register your interest by **12pm (NZST) December 21, 2015** sending an email to CRLproject@aucklandtransport.govt.nz. Please limit your response to two sides of an A4 page providing the following information in English:

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- Brief description of how you have previously been involved in providing a supplier perspective to the client's development of a procurement strategy, focussing particularly on where you were able to add value to the client

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- Brief description of the company and recent experience relevant to the CRL project
- Company Name
- Contact Name and Position
- Contact email Address
- Availability to attend individual interactive meetings in Auckland New Zealand within the period 26 January to 22 February 2016 conducted in English

PLEASE NOTE: This exercise is to enable AT obtain the best value for money. It is not to assist future interested parties to enhance their position. This is not a call for tenders or a pre-qualification. It is a market sounding to initiate a dialogue with industry. The results may be used to inform AT's procurement strategy, process and programme. Costs for participating in the market sounding will not be reimbursed by AT. Results will be published on the website.