

Infrastructure initiatives under the microscope
News Release – for immediate release
2nd July, 2009

BCI Australia, the leading provider of project leads information, has compiled a report titled '*Nationbuilding Infrastructure for Productivity and Prosperity – Federal Budget Initiatives under the BCI Microscope*'. The 50-page report dovetails the Federal Government announcement for the funding of 15 high-profile infrastructure projects under the new Federal Budget for 2009/2010.

BCI Australia has been quick to predict a slump in the construction market as a result of the global economic crisis. The government's funding of key infrastructure projects is seen as a helpful way of boosting demand for civil engineering and construction work, whilst at the same time helping build the infrastructure Australia urgently needs when it comes out of the global recession.

The report sheds light on the projects that are to receive federal funding by providing some of the lesser known details of the 15 projects involved and by pinpointing the key decision makers.

Extract: The Australian construction market has experienced a significant downturn of late due to the current global economic crisis. However the infrastructure sector, incorporating the BCI categories of 'Mining', 'Infrastructure' and 'Public Utilities', has not been hit as hard as other sectors due to the level of public spending at all levels of government. According to BCI Australia data, during the reporting period of May 2008 and April 2009, Australia experienced over \$62 billion worth of infrastructure construction. The states that benefited the most include New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia who collectively shared over \$51 billion of the total spend. Three factors can be attributed to the significant difference from the other states and territories: the level of mining activity, the size of the population, and geographical factors.

BCI Australia is a member of the BCI Group of Companies, the leading group of construction information services in the Asia-Pacific region. We research and provide information on all building and construction activity in Australia, both public and private, from concept design to planning, documentation, tender and contract award to early construction. In essence, BCI Australia serves as the prospecting arm of companies that cater to construction projects, and assists them in enhancing their sales efficiency.

Ends

For further information please contact:

Brooke Barr
Community Director
BCI Australia
03 8412 7900
0410 420 713
b.barr@bciaustralia.com
www.bciaustralia.com

BCI Australia Pty Ltd 52-56 Atchison St, St Leonards NSW 2065 www.bciaustralia.com (02) 9432 4100