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D&C contractor sought for Port Botany expansion

The expansion of Port Botany will move another step forward tomorrow with Sydney Ports Corporation calling for registrations of interest from prospective contractors, Ports Minister Joe Tripodi said today.

“In June I announced the project would be delivered as a ‘design and construct’ (D&C) contract – now it’s time for companies interested in delivering this massive project to register,” Mr Tripodi said.

Mr Tripodi said the project is to provide a container terminal with 1850m berth length (five berths) and backup area through the reclamation of about 60 hectares of land adjacent to the existing container terminals at the port.

“The call for registrations of interest is the first step in a competitive tendering process that will result in a contract for the new terminal including dredging, reclamation, road and rail works, services provision, environmental enhancement works and community facilities at the foreshore.

“Advertisements will run in national and international media to attract contractors not only from Australia, but all over the world,” Mr Tripodi said.

Registrations of Interest for the D&C contract close on Wednesday, November 1, 2006. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit tenders in the first quarter of 2007.

“Next year Sydney Ports will invite Registrations of Interest for the establishment of stevedoring operations at the new terminal area,” Mr Tripodi said.

“Additional berths will be available to handle extra freight from 2011, in time to cater for the growing trade demands for Sydney,” he said.