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Regional construction opportunities with NVIRP

Work packages and civil engineering opportunities for the irrigation modernisation in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District will be outlined at an Industry briefing next Tuesday in Echuca.

Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) Murray Smith said this will be a great opportunity for service industries and those who are civil construction suppliers to learn more about the construction targets for our irrigation renewal project.

“For Stage 1, NVIRP is investing \$1 billion in the biggest civil engineering infrastructure project currently in Victoria, with over \$150 million to be spent this calendar year, so we need to identify those suppliers who can assist us to reach our targets for work in this region,” Mr Smith said.

“These could be suppliers of large earthmoving equipment right down to the suppliers of tens of thousands of nuts and bolts and the opportunities flow onto accommodation facilities and food shops in local towns. Our aim this year is to install more than 1000 regulator gates in the ‘backbone’ channels of the delivery system and approximately 2000 metered outlets.

“NVIRP will be working in the five irrigation districts and 410 regulator gates will be installed in the Rochester-Campaspe region, 260 gates in Central Goulburn, 150 gates for Pyramid-Boort, 120 gates in the Torrumbarry area and 80 in the Murray Valley region.

“In addition, our Modernisation Teams are already discussing with Goulburn-Murray Water customers their meter outlet options, as they connect back to the system’s backbone across these five irrigation areas.

“As a consequence of the delivery of this irrigation renewal project these works will turn a ‘manually’ operated system to an automated system allowing better measurement of water flows, and will improve the way irrigators, order, receive and manage their water on farm. Opportunities to include innovative water monitoring devices with this renewal project are now a reality,” Mr Smith said.

The Industry Briefing will be held at the Echuca Workers & Services Club, Echuca, at 9am on Tuesday 24th February 2009.

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