

# Media Release

## Short-list for contractor involvement on Convention Centre

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Four construction teams, including companies based in New Zealand and overseas, have been short-listed for Early Contractor Involvement services for Christchurch's new Convention Centre Precinct.

The teams have been selected from those that responded to the recent call for Expressions of Interest in relation to the Convention Centre component of the Precinct. The selection process is being handled by the preferred development consortium for the Precinct, Plenary Conventions NZ.

The next step will be a Request for Proposal to those on the short-list, from which one construction team will be selected to work with Plenary Conventions NZ on the design and build plans for the Convention Centre.

"There has been good interest from the market in New Zealand and overseas in this opportunity," says Christchurch Central Development Unit Director Warwick Isaacs.

"Those short-listed are of a high calibre, and we can be sure that Plenary Conventions NZ will add quality construction expertise to the design and build team for the Convention Centre."

Plenary Conventions NZ and the preferred Convention Centre operator Accor are currently working with the CCDU on the master planning and development of the Precinct.

"This is an important milestone, so to have four strong construction teams from domestic and international markets seeking to join Plenary Conventions NZ is pleasing for everyone involved," says Plenary Conventions NZ Project Director Paul Crowe.

The Christchurch Convention Centre Precinct will feature a Convention Centre able to cater for up to 2000 people and multiple events at any one time. The wider Precinct will have space which can accommodate hotels, and retail, commercial and residential development.

Construction of the Precinct is due to begin next year.

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