

Building Management News in Project Services

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Welcome to our last issue for 2013

In this issue of our bulletin, we offer a few reminders. Some are housekeeping tips – like keeping your business' contact details up-to-date on the SA Tenders & Contracts website – and others are about opportunities – like making sure your business is in the running for government construction and professional services work by being prequalified.

Thank you again to those who provided feedback on our Building Information Modelling (BIM) policy direction and draft implementation plan. As you will read further on, we've gathered information and ideas from all manner of useful sources and have consequently modified our thinking in a few areas. See page 4 for more information.

As usual, remember that our aim is to make sure that *News in Project Services* is giving you the kind of information you need, so please click [here](#) to pass on your ideas or requests – and feel free to forward this bulletin to others who might find it interesting.

With the year coming to a close, on behalf of Project Services, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

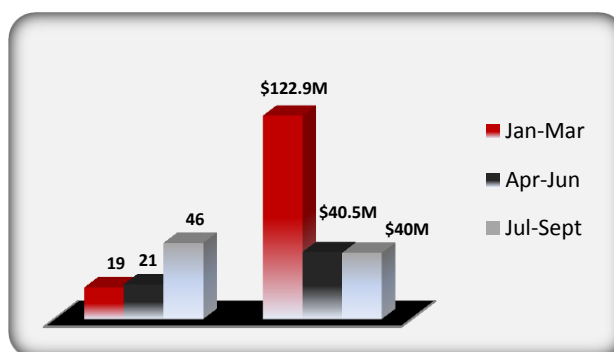
Best wishes

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Latest Statistics

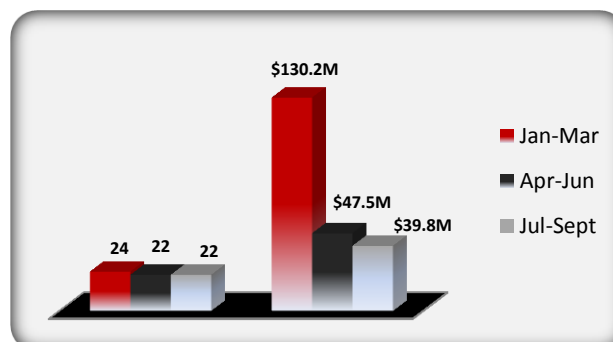
Construction activity

46 projects, with a total value of \$40 million, were started between July and September 2013. This compares with 21 starts, with a total value of \$40.5 million, in the June quarter.



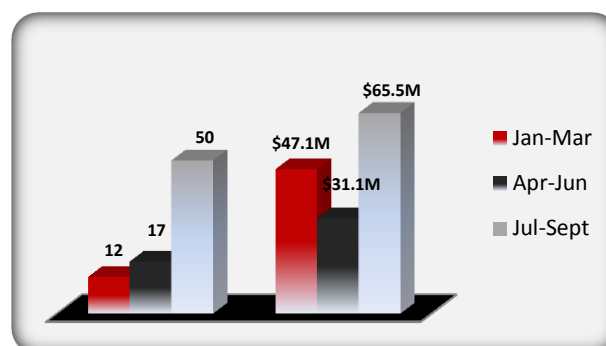
Contracts let

22 contracts, with a total value of \$39.8 million, were let to general building contractors in the September 2013 quarter. In the June quarter, 22 contracts with a total value of \$47.5 million were let.



Tender activity

50 tenders with a total value of \$65.5 million went out to market between July and September 2013. This compares with 17 tenders worth \$31.1 million in the June quarter.



Building Policy News

New and updated DPTI standard details

Three new standard details have been developed to deal with ongoing problems identified during the design and construction phases of DPTI building construction projects. They are as follows.

- *Sealed PVC Downpipe for Wet System with Inspection Point (DG44)* requires the downpipe inspection point to be provided below ground/paving level, and with a cast iron cover.
- *Rainwater Tank System Flush-out Detail (DG46)* requires the installation of a flush-out valve in a below-ground pit to allow drainage of the sealed system and feeding the above-ground rainwater tank for maintenance purposes.
- *Services Trench Infill/Slab Repair (DG47)* aims to overcome the problem of lapping new and old under-slab membranes when cutting service trenches through existing slabs.

The standard drawing *Accessible Handrail Details (DG45)* has also been updated, with the CHS kerb rail replaced with a flat rail to comply with the current dimensional requirements outlined in AS 1428.1—2009 Design for access and mobility, Part 1: General requirements for access—New building work.

All of these standard drawings can be found in the Building Project Information Management System ([BPIMS](#)) Project Library. Simply search by drawing name or number.

Approved equivalents

Building Management is regularly approached by suppliers aggrieved that a competitor's product has been named in a DPTI project specification. All professional service contractors are reminded that:

- specific naming of products shall only occur where a generic specification cannot reasonably be written
- when it is not possible to write a generic specification, 'or approved equivalent' must be stated in the specification
- approval of equivalent products shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Contacts for electronic tendering

Electronic tendering has proved very successful and the DPTI Contracts and Procurement Office has received some positive feedback from the building industry.

However, contractors are reminded to regularly update their contact details on the SA Tenders & Contracts website. From time to time we are advised that a listed contractors' staff contacts no longer apply, or that contacts for specific projects are not listed. This could affect your business, so please keep your information up-to-date.

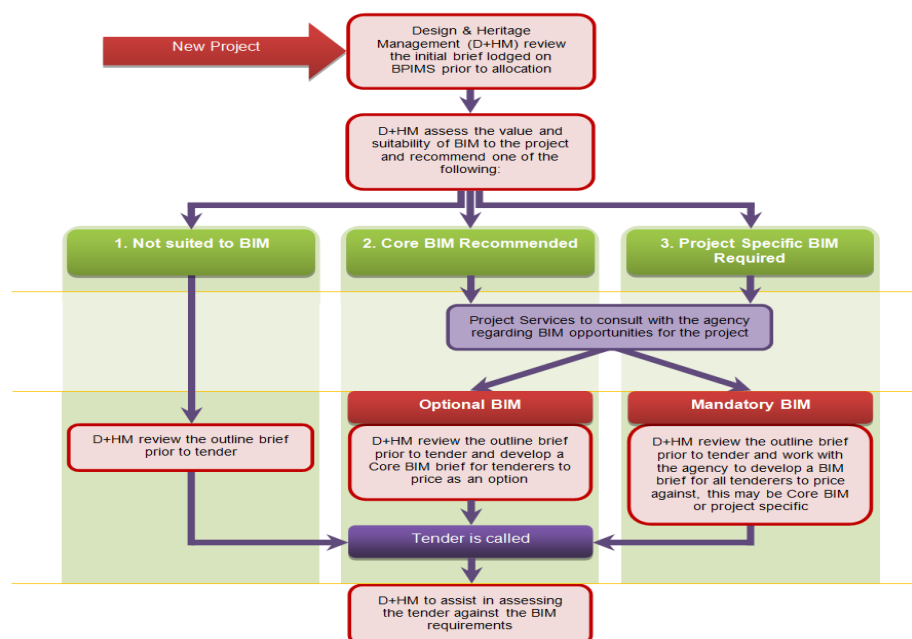
If you need assistance with this, please phone: +61 (08) 8462 1401, or email: satendersandcontracts@sharedservices.sa.gov.au.

Building Information Modelling (BIM) Implementation

In July 2012, Building Management released a statement to industry outlining a BIM policy direction and draft implementation plan that reflected the division's thinking and investigations at that time.

Since then, Project Services has sought information from a variety of sources. Employees have participated in industry conferences, consulted with other national bodies, attended workshops and training, and sought the views of prequalified architects, engineers and contractors.

The information gained has caused us to modify our thinking. Rather than proposing a mandatory category-by-category approach, we have now developed a method that is project-specific and allows us to identify projects that would benefit from a BIM delivery methodology. A fresh policy document and implementation plan will soon be available for download from the [BPIMS](#) Project Library. Keep an eye out for it!



Prequalification

Register of prequalified contractors

Building Management maintains a register of construction and professional service contractors (PSCs) prequalified to contract with the Government for building construction and related professional service contracts.

A key aim is to ensure that the suitability of contractors can be appropriately assessed, based on their technical capability and financial capacity.

Periodically, the minimum requirements for prequalification are adjusted – to reflect industry developments and to foster continuous improvement across the sector in South Australia.

To find out more, or to apply for prequalification, [click here](#), or go to the [BPIMS](#) Project Library and search for 'prequalified contractors'.

Prequalification for small PSCs

A new prequalification category – called 3M – gives small or new PSCs the opportunity to tender for government construction projects. To date, 10 businesses have achieved 3M prequalification.

They can now tender for what is assessed as 'low risk' architectural, building design and cost management professional services for government building construction projects. Applicable projects will be those valued between \$150,000 and \$1 million.

If your business is not yet on the list, click [here](#) to download the Prequalification Application Kit for **Professional Service Contractor Category 3M**.

Please note that PSCs registered in PSC Categories 1, 2 and 3 **are not eligible** for registration in Category 3M.

Do you have any questions? contact the Prequalification Registrar on 8343 2042 or email sally.katianos2@sa.gov.au.