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GOVERNMENT SEEKS COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The NSW Government today called for expressions of interest to find the most suitable and cost effective option for office accommodation for Ministers and central government agencies.

The EOI is for accommodation proposals in the Sydney CBD, Green Square or Australian Technology Park, Redfern.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the lease over Governor Macquarie Tower expires in 2014 and the Government must act now to meet its future accommodation needs and achieve best value for money.

“The best way to do this is to test the market through a process of calling for expressions of interest,” the Minister said.

“Australian Technology Park and Green Square are being considered due to their location along the airport corridor, proximity to the CBD and potential as future growth areas.

“Any future development in these areas would stimulate urban renewal and act as a catalyst to drive further developments.

“By looking at other alternatives such as Green Square and Australian Technology Park, we are also opening up opportunities in a broader market.

“Sydney CBD is being considered due to the large amount of building stock available and the potential for government to negotiate a favourable outcome.

“As part of the EOI process, the Government will focus on value for money and sustainability and environmental performance of buildings.

“This is a long term solution and any accommodation solution needs to be adaptable for future government requirements.

“The EOI will canvass all practical options from the private sector, seeking innovative and cost effective solutions.

“Proponents will be shortlisted and asked to provide detailed proposals at a later date.”

The EOI will close on 7 December 2010.

Further information can be found at www.tenders.nsw.gov.au.