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Downer EDI awarded Telstra contract for country New South Wales

Downer EDI Limited (Downer EDI) today confirmed that its engineering division, Downer Engineering, was successful in being awarded a three-year contract with Telstra for Access Network Commercial Contracting Services for New South Wales Country.

Downer Engineering's business unit, Downer Connect, is one of four companies successful in being offered contracts by Telstra following a lengthy tender process and reaffirms its position in the Australian market as a major supplier of quality telco services.

Chief Executive of Downer Engineering, Mr Chris Denney, said: "The new contract involves expanded work in an area we currently service.

"We are committed to providing Telstra with excellent service and to serve the communities of country NSW. We are especially pleased that Telstra has recognised the quality and high service levels of our business, a pre-requisite for selection," he said.

Mr Denney said the new Telstra contract in country NSW is expected to generate, over the period of the contract, an increase in revenue for Downer Engineering compared to the current Telstra patch contracts, which expire 30 November 2003. This will further boost Downer Engineering's work in hand.

The services to be provided to Telstra under the contract include continuation with the design, build, maintain and repair of the optical fibre and copper networks throughout country NSW.

Downer Engineering, through its business unit **Downer Connect**, is a leading provider of turnkey design, build and maintain telecommunications services in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.



Downer EDI Limited (www.downeredi.com) is an Australian top-150 company that provides comprehensive engineering and infrastructure management services to the public and private rail, road, power, telecommunications, mining and resources sectors in Australia, New Zealand and Asia. The company has assets of over \$2 billion and employs approximately 15,000 people.

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