

Media Release

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Allwest mobilises to commence work for underground project

Horizon Power is pleased to announce Allwest has been chosen as the successful contractor to deliver the next stage of the Pilbara Underground Power Project (PUPP).

Allwest is a local company specialising in horizontal boring and cable installation and has now mobilised to site, with work due to commence on the ground in the Karratha Light Industrial Area next week.

The request for tender to complete the next stage of the project closed on 16 October. Horizon Power PUPP Project Director, James Carney, said the calibre of the respondents was extremely high.

"We were very impressed by the standard of respondents and we thank all those who tendered."

"Allwest was contracted during the first stage of the PUPP in Karratha to complete works in Bulgarra. During this time they handled the project professionally and delivered their scope of work on time and within budget."

"Allwest is based locally in Karratha which will not only bring local employment opportunities to the area, it also means they are able to start work on the project straight away," said Mr Carney.

Property owners in the Light Industrial Area will be receiving notices shortly, advising that work will soon commence in the area and what they can expect during works on their property.

"This is an exciting milestone and we are very pleased to be working with Allwest for the next phase of this important project for the Pilbara," said Mr Carney.

Work for the PUPP has been divided into small parcels in order to manage risks and contain costs for the next stage of the project. Allwest will deliver underground works for the Karratha Light Industrial Area and remainder of Bulgarra. Another request for tender will be issued to deliver underground works for Pegs Creek , with Nickol to follow after that.

The PUPP is a partnership between the State Government's Royalties for Regions Pilbara Cities initiative and local government, delivered by Horizon Power. The project aims to provide cyclone affected North West towns with a safer and more reliable power supply by replacing ageing overhead electricity infrastructure with underground networks.

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