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VICTORIAN COMPANY WINS COMM GAMES ICT CONTRACT

Victorian IT company Australian Project & Consulting Services (APCS) has been awarded the contract to provide the Games Data Network (GDN) for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, the Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Marsha Thomson, announced today.

Ms Thomson said the multi-million dollar contract would see APCS implement ICT infrastructure across all Games venues including the Athlete's Village, competition venues and the Main Press Centre.

"This is a major coup for the Victorian ICT industry as APCS won the tender from a very strong international field," Ms Thomson said.

"APCS is implementing the delivery of the all-important Results System between venues, as well as the Games Management Systems which provide services like staff rosters and accreditation.

"To have a Victorian company provide these important systems at one of the world's biggest sporting events demonstrates the strengths of Victoria's ICT companies as an internationally competitive source for innovative products and services.

"It is also testament to Victoria's ICT industry, which is leading the country in its smart approach to ICT applications."

Managing Director of APCS, Scott Coleman, said winning the contract is a major achievement for his company.

"As a proud Victorian growing a small services business in Mt Waverley, I am delighted that our team will be playing an important role in what will be the biggest sporting and cultural event in this state's history," Mr Coleman said.

APCS' primary role is to design and implement the Games Data Network across all competition and non-competition venues. Once complete the GDN will incorporate up to 2000 desktops, 100 servers, 180 switches and 900 reprographic devices.

APCS is also undertaking the implementation of specialised applications, including the online accreditation registration system for Games participants.

Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Chief Executive Officer, John Harnden, said he welcomed APCS to the Games Sponsor Family as the Official IT Project Management and Consulting Services Provider.

"We look forward to working directly with APCS to help us deliver the necessary ICT solutions required to put on a fantastic Games," said Mr Harnden.

The Games will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness 4500 elite athletes from 71 nations take part in the XVIII Commonwealth Games, to be held in Melbourne from 15-26 March 2006. For further information on the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games please go to www.melbourne2006.com.au

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