

## 2014 Australian Infrastructure Business Mission



The Australian Trade Commission is leading a group of infrastructure executives to Australia in March 2014. The goal of this mission is to introduce US companies to the numerous opportunities in the Australian infrastructure market.

Participating in a business mission provides companies the opportunity to learn in more detail about the Australian infrastructure market and highlights some of the key regulatory and policy matters that overseas businesses need to be aware of when exploring these opportunities.

It also allows participants the opportunity to travel to an overseas market and meet face-to-face with perspective partners and decision makers enhancing the potential for business success.

### Where

Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane

### When

March 23-28th 2014

### Why Australia for Infrastructure

Australia's economy is the 12<sup>th</sup> largest in the world and continues to perform solidly, building upon 22 years of growth.

Australia's high demand for new and upgraded infrastructure remains strong supported by continued demand for Australian resources, a solid Australian economy and rapid population growth:

- \$60 billion worth of public infrastructure projects listed on the National Infrastructure Construction Schedule [www.NICS.gov.au](http://www.NICS.gov.au)
- *Citigroup* estimates that Australia has an infrastructure deficit of AUD \$770 billion
- Strong resources sector (8% of GDP) stimulating demand for supporting infrastructure
- *Business Monitor International* forecasts average annual growth of around 6% a year between 2012 and 2016 in the Australian transport infrastructure industry

Australia's population was the second fastest growing in the OECD over the last five years and is projected to increase to 36 million by 2050—an increase of more than 60%. By 2030 there is expected to be:

- a doubling of Australia's freight transport movements
- 2.5 times the number of container movements through ports than in 2007
- a tripling of international passenger movements through our capital cities
- a one-third increase in the number of public transport passenger journeys

### Why Participate?

- Briefings on Australian market and business climate
- Introductions to industry associations
- Site visits to specific project locations
- Pre-arranged meetings with potential partners whose needs or capabilities align with participants' objectives
- Meetings with local business representatives and government officials

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