

# Media Release

## Market Update - 31 March 2014

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Construction of Christchurch's new \$53 million Bus Interchange is getting closer with tenders being sought from building contractors and site preparation underway this week.

Three short-listed contractors have received Request for Tender (RFT) documents for construction of the facility, after an Expressions of Interest process, and will need to respond to the Christchurch Central Development Unit (CCDU) by May so that a preferred contractor can be selected and construction of the interchange can begin in July.

The Bus Interchange replaces the earthquake damaged bus exchange and will be sited between Tuam, Colombo and Lichfield Streets and SOL Square.

The public will see ground improvement work and relocation of underground cables happening on the site from this week as it is prepared for the build of the new facility. Demolitions on the site such as the former Civic Offices are still to be completed.

In addition to the RFT for contractors, separate tenders are expected to be advertised this week for work related to the Bus Interchange construction. These will be around the delivery of steel sections for the interchange and piling for the facility. Once posted, these tenders will be available for viewing on the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) website.

"What all of this activity shows is there is strong progress being made towards building a world-class new Bus Interchange for the people of greater Christchurch," says CCDU director Warwick Isaacs.

The Bus Interchange is expected to be operational by the second quarter of next year.