Multi-million dollar Police station tender up for grabs

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The Country Liberals are channelling more money into the Alice Springs economy with the tender about to open for the fit out of the new $9 million dollar Greatorex Police Station.

“The new state of the art Alice Springs Police Station will be constructed in the remodelled Greatorex Building, right in the heart of the town’s new Justice Precinct,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“The multi-million dollar tender for the fit out of the new building opens tomorrow, with work expected to start before the end of this year.

“This $9 million project is both an investment in the local economy and an investment in community safety in Alice Springs.

“Alice Springs Police have outgrown their current accommodation after the government funded an additional 20 officers immediately after the last election.

“It is hoped that Police will be moving into their new building by the middle of next year.”

The design work for the station on the corner of Parsons and Bath Streets was done by Alice Springs based firm, Zone A Architects. In August, Asbuild won the $450,000 demolition contract to prepare the building for the new fit-out.

The new building includes new police operations, training, administration and executive areas. IT capabilities will be upgraded and there will be increased security for storage of Police equipment.

“The Giles Government is committed to stimulating development in Central Australia and I encourage local construction companies to bid for work on this multi-million dollar project,” Mr Giles said.

Construction is also expected to begin before the end of the year on the town’s new Supreme Court. The Government has leased space for 20 years in a brand new building on the old Commonwealth Bank site.
"Both buildings are among a pipeline of multi-million dollar construction projects now underway in Central Australia, supporting jobs in the local building industry," Minister for Central Australia Matt Conlan said.

“It’s in sharp contrast to the neglect displayed by Labor during their 11 years in government, failing to upgrade basic infrastructure such as our Court and Police Station.”

It is estimated that up to 150 people, including eight apprentices, will be employed during the Supreme Court building construction program. The new Court is expected to open in 2016.

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