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PRESS RELEASE - METRO NORTH TENDER BIDS RECEIVED

RPA today received the tenders for Metro North. Tenders were received from each of the four qualified groups. The four groups are:

Cathró (Fluor Ireland, BAM, Siemens, Strabag and Veolia)

Celtic Metro Group (Barclays Private Equity, Obrascon Huarte Lain , Mitsui, Soares da Costa, Iridium Concesionesde Infraestructuras S.A , CAF and MTR)

Dublin Express Link (HSBC Infrastructure Fund Management, Meridiam Infrastructure Finance, Acciona, Bouygues, SIAC, Alstom and Keolis)

MetroExpress (Macquarie Capital , Global Via Infraestructuras, Allied Irish Bank, Bombardier and Transdev)

This marks a significant milestone in the delivery of the project. RPA plan to shortlist two tenderers by the Summer to participate in the final stage of the competition.

On Monday next another significant milestone will be reached with the commencement of the oral hearing into the Metro North Railway Order application.

Metro North will address a significant deficit in public transport infrastructure in north Dublin city and in Fingal, the fastest growing county in Ireland. It will facilitate development in the corridor which is forecast by Fingal County Council to generate 37,000 additional jobs and more than double the existing level of economic activity and employment in the area. It is crucial to the continued expansion of Dublin Airport and will underpin the significant investment already made in the economic regeneration of Ballymun.

In the short term, Metro North will provide an important stimulus to construction activity. The project is expected to create 4,000 direct construction jobs and many more indirect jobs. The consortium that will be selected to build Metro North is likely to include both Irish and international contractors and much of the work will involve local contractors, professional service firms and workers. Other sectors of the regional economy are likely to benefit such as those in the construction material supplying industry. There will also be secondary spin off impacts due to the expenditure of wages in the local economy by the construction workforce. Sectors which will benefit include accommodation and lunch and evening meal providers.

Photograph shows Tony Redmond, Head of Procurement at RPA, with Metro North Transaction Manager Breege Timoney and Procurement Specialist Mary Whelan, surrounded by the Metro North tenders.

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