

hipages to bring trusted tradies to NSW public schools

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26 November 2019 (Sydney, Australia) – Following a competitive tender process, [hipages](#), Australia’s leading on-demand tradie platform, has been selected by the Department of Education’s (DOE) School Infrastructure (SINSW) entity as the official management system for sourcing professional, local tradies for minor maintenance projects at New South Wales public schools. The DOE in NSW estimates that there are approximately 25,000 opportunities to quote for work through this new streamlined procurement approach, with an estimated total value of \$50 million.

The agreement will see asset managers for the state Department’s 2,250 schools spanning primary and secondary education, using a customised hipages app and web-based platform to seamlessly source local and trusted tradies for school maintenance related jobs, up to a fee of \$10,000. Such maintenance jobs may include, but are not limited to, painting, electrical work, carpentry, plumbing and landscaping.

These asset managers will enjoy the same user experience as all Australians, receiving up to three quotes from local and licensed tradies with whom they can communicate, book and pay for jobs, all through the hipages app.

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Education, said: “With this simpler procurement pathway, the NSW Government can better support opportunities for local businesses to pick up work in their area, driving jobs in regional NSW. We’re also making substantial savings by removing the fees for intermediaries.

“With this agreement, local tradies across NSW can engage directly and efficiently with the Department of Education for a range of smaller planned maintenance works around their local public schools,” added Mitchell.

More than 130,000 tradies around the country are connected to hipages, across more than 270 job categories. Founded 15 years ago, hipages is leading the on-demand tradie economy in Australia, so far generating more than \$2.4 billion worth of jobs for tradies nationwide annually.

Roby Sharon-Zipser, Co-Founder and CEO of hipages, said: “We are proud to work with the Department of Education in NSW to help streamline the way they get maintenance jobs done around the state’s public schools.

“Not only will this partnership help to drive more work for our local and trusted tradies around the state, it will also allow the schools’ asset managers to save a great deal of time through a fast, smooth and easy-to-use solution.

“We are dedicated to connecting Australians with trusted tradies, and a comprehensive screening process is undertaken in order for tradies to gain access to hipages. All tradie members must have an ABN, hold their appropriate licences, as well as pass insolvency checks and make a pledge to act with the utmost professionalism,” continued Sharon-Zipser.

The DOE have committed to an initial three-year contract with a two-year extension opportunity. The new platform will be fully operational early next year, following a staged roll-out and specific department additions to the current hipages platform. hipages will be developing a customised version of its platform for the Department of Education over the coming months.

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About hipages

hipages provides a better, smarter way to connect tradies and consumers to get the job done well.

They are on a mission to make home improvement effortlessly efficient. Our aim is to create a seamless experience for tradies and homeowners in place of the current unreliable - and unproductive - process that makes it a feat of mutual endurance.

hipages builds technology that solves the frictions of an industry ready for optimisation, by redesigning the tradie/client relationship and transforming the way trade businesses operate. To date, over two million Australians have changed the way they find, hire and manage trusted tradies to get a job done around their home.

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