

News Release

Local businesses in line to help National Grid build Moorside connection

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- **Twenty-one Cumbria and Lancashire firms expressed interest in project during recent consultation**
- **National Grid wants local businesses to help deliver the connection**
- **Project Manager Robert Powell is encouraging more to apply**

Local companies have volunteered their services to help National Grid deliver a vital project to connect a proposed nuclear power station at Moorside.

A total of 21 companies in the area applied to be part of the project's supply chain during a recent consultation on the North West Coast Connections project.

National Grid is encouraging other local firms to express their interest so economic benefits to the area are maximised.

The company is hoping to begin construction on the project in 2019, subject to consent being granted to carry out the work.

Project Manager Robert Powell said: "From the start of our project we've worked closely with local communities and it's great that we can now offer local businesses the chance to get involved.

"If consent is granted to build the connection, the project will create jobs during the construction phase, and we would like local people to fill a significant number of these.

"We're very pleased to have seen this much interest at so far, but we still want more and more local companies to register on our website so the local economy benefits as much as possible."

Any local business interested in working on the project can register their details at <https://www.competefor.com/nationalgrid/>.

National Grid recently finished a formal consultation on the project, during which detailed proposals were released to build a 164km connection going:

- north from Moorside to a point on the existing network at Harker, near Carlisle; and
- south from Moorside across the Furness Peninsula, through a tunnel which goes under Morecambe Bay and surfaces at an existing substation in Middleton, near Heysham in Lancashire, where it can connect into the existing network.

Anyone wishing to keep up to date with the North West Coast Connections project is encouraged to register their details on the project website: www.northwestcoastconnections.com.

People can also register for text alerts by texting 'NWCC' to **80800** to receive notification when information becomes available.

For any other enquiries, please contact the project team direct using any of the following methods:

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