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Built Environment Offers Opportunities

The downturn in the state's economy has prompted 5 industry and professional associations to join forces and host an Information Forum on where future work opportunities might be for design and construction businesses.

Being promoted as "Future Opportunities for the Built Environment", the forum will be held on Thursday 16 June at Perth Arena.

The 5 host organizations are:

- Master Builders Association of WA
- Australian Institute of Architects
- Consult Australia
- Australian Institute of Building
- Engineers Australia

According to spokesperson, Michael McLean, this is the first time each of these 5 industry groups have come together to sponsor a joint event.

"Rather than dwell on the current downturn, we thought we would be pro-active and try and help our respective members to identify some of the "hot spots" across a few major sectors which will provide opportunities for architects, engineers, builders and specialist contractors", Mr McLean said.

"It's a difficult and extremely competitive business environment for the building and construction industry at the moment so being aware of where to focus our energies will be strategic and hopefully productive".

"It's not all doom and gloom in the built environment as some very large construction projects will soon be coming out for tender in areas such as shopping centres, aged care, public infrastructure, industrial developments and educational buildings", Mr McLean said.

"We have attracted an excellent blend of presenters from 5 key areas:

- Phil Helberg (Building Management & Works)
- Dean Mudford (LandCorp)
- Stephen Beer (Vicinity Centres)
- Dr Penny Flett (Brightwater Care Group)
- Kieran Kinsella (Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority)

"This inaugural forum will also allow attendees to pose questions to the panel and to network with kindred members from different segments of the industry which employs over 140,000 workers – the second largest of any industry in WA", Mr McLean concluded.

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