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SEARCH STARTS FOR TECH CENTRAL SCALEUP HUB OPERATOR

Tech Central near Sydney's CBD will become the biggest innovation precinct of its kind in Australia with the NSW Government now calling on potential operators to deliver up to 8,000 square metres of workspace for emerging and digital technology scaleups.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the expression of interest was now open to deliver flexible office solutions, programming and business support services for high-growth technology scaleups.

"Technology and innovation are at the heart of the NSW Government's strategy to attract investment, generate jobs, accelerate growth and set the state up for dynamic recovery following COVID-19," Mr Ayres said.

"This scaleup hub will add to Sydney's position as the major technology hub in the Asia Pacific. With more than \$48 million in funding already committed to bring Tech Central to life, creating up to 25,000 new jobs and encouraging thousands of students to study STEM and life sciences."

Chair of the Tech Precinct industry advisory body David Thodey AO said providing affordable space for scaleups would help create the right conditions to inspire and encourage the next generation of tech entrepreneurs.

"As we start to activate space for startups and for scaleups who may have outgrown their initial location, Tech Central's anchor tenant, Atlassian, will also base their headquarters in the Western Gateway of the Central Precinct, signalling to the world that Tech Central is the premier place to do tech business in Australia," Mr Thodey said.

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said accommodating scaleups around Central Station would support the NSW Government's longer-term vision to expand Sydney's southern central business district.

"By unlocking 24 hectares of Government-owned land in Central Precinct at Central Station we can support connectivity for businesses and research institutions," Mr Constance said.

Expressions of interests to operate the Tech Central Scaleup Hub will be open from 15 December 2020 until 1 February 2021. More information is available here global.nsw.gov.au/tech-central.

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