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THE REED GROUP ANNOUNCES FIRST SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THE NEW ENGLAND REGION

AJ TAYLOR CONSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE BUILDING WORKS AT EBOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

North Sydney, Australia: The Reed Group, Managing Contractor for the New England and North Coast regions for Building the Education Revolution has announced the awarding of the first successful contract for building works at Ebor Primary School, located east of Armidale.

AJ Taylor Constructions of Tenterfield will complete the construction of a Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) together with the refurbishment of the administration offices and library with works commencing Wednesday 22nd July.

Program Director for The Reed Group BER NSW Program Christopher Andrews said:

"We're excited to announce the appointment of our first contract in the New England region. AJ Taylor presented us with a tender that was first rate and reflected his experience of working with Asset Management Unit over the past 10 years, successfully completing school maintenance projects. This is just the first of the 347 projects The Reed Group is responsible for delivering and we are strongly focused on completing this successfully with the assistance of the local builders and contractors."

Allen Taylor, Director of AJ Taylor said:

"This is a great contract win for my business and I'm thrilled to be the first builder appointed in the New England region. Hopefully this will see the start of other local businesses gaining future contracts as the BER program works gains momentum."

Building the Education Revolution is a \$14.7 billion national investment from the Australian Government which is part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan. The Australian Government is aiming to build learning environments to help children, families and communities participate in activities that will support achievement, develop learning potential and

bring communities together.

In NSW, over \$2.8 billion of Nation Building funds is being used to benefit over 1,800 public school communities across the state.

For the New England and North Coast regions of NSW, the contract is worth \$355 million dollars and covers 347 projects between Tea Gardens, Tweed Heads and Moree ranging from \$250,000 to \$3 million dollars each in size with a target completion date for all construction by February 2011.

School Educational Director for New England North Peter Pickett said:

"I am delighted for Ebor Primary School to be the first in the New England region to receive a much needed boost to their resources."

Details of the Subcontractors and Service Providers who have registered an Expression of Interest with the DET, MBA or The Reed Group will be provided to AJ Taylor to assist them to keep the work local. The latest information will be posted to The Reed Group website at www.reedgroup.com.au where Expressions of Interest can also be registered.

The Reed Group was announced Managing Contractor for Building the Education Revolution works for the New England and North Coast regions in April.

The company has a strong track record of project delivery in the regions including the Bootawa Dam Water Treatment Plant in Taree, Lismore Police Station, Lismore Base Hospital Mental Health Unit redevelopment, Nundle Water Treatment Plant works, Kendall Public School and Link Road projects in Port Macquarie and the Mid North Coast



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ABOUT THE REED GROUP

A privately owned company, The Reed Group was established in 1979.

Today the business employs over 300 personnel with offices in NSW and Queensland with nine specialised divisions engaged in the design, construction and management for a diverse range of projects.

The Reed Group has also established an email at BERenquiries@reedgroup.com.au for any queries and a toll free line at **1800 18REED (1800-18-7333)**.

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