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### **GOVERNMENT SEALS \$112M IT DEALS**

The State Government today announced the following four companies have been successful in securing contracts for the supply of Client Computing (desktop and notebook Personal Computers) and Server equipment, as part of the Government's Future ICT procurement program:

- Acer for the supply of notebook equipment;
- Dell for the supply of desktop and notebook equipment;
- Hewlett-Packard for the supply of desktop and server equipment; and
- Volante for the supply of desktop equipment.

Infrastructure Minister Patrick Conlon said the contracts are worth a combined estimate of \$112 million over three years.

“The contracts will provide improved value for money through a substantial reduction in the per unit price of equipment,” he said.

“They will also result in reduced purchasing transaction costs at an agency level, through the introduction of streamlined purchasing processes.

“Through these contracts, the State Government will benefit from improved service levels for delivery and warranty services.

“There will also be an increased focus on standardisation of the equipment purchased by agencies, thus facilitating a potential reduction in agency infrastructure support costs over time.

“It is pleasing to note the four suppliers will be utilising more than 25 South Australian companies (most based in regional areas) to provide a range of support and related services to Government agencies under the contract.”

“We look forward to working with these four companies to provide better value for money for taxpayers and a high standard of IT services to the South Australian Government.”

Mr Conlon said the other components of the Future ICT procurement program, including contracts for Mainframe, Messaging, and Printers and Photocopiers, are progressing well.