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### **LOCAL COMPANY WINS ICT CONTRACT**

The State Government today announced that Adelaide-based Internode Systems Pty Ltd has been successful in securing a \$2.2 million, 3-year contract for the provision of Internet Service Provider (ISP) Services, as part of the Government's Future ICT procurement program.

Infrastructure Minister Patrick Conlon said the contract will provide improved value-for-money for the State through a 50% reduction in the cost per megabyte for internet services.

“We are pleased to announce a local South Australian company, Internode Services, has proven highly competitive and won this contract against much larger and global companies,” he said.

“The contract, worth an estimated \$2.2 million over 3 years, will see Internode Systems provide internet services for the State's Central Internet Gateway.

“The ICT procurement program involves a massive amount of taxpayers money and this is another example of a deal which saves South Australians money.

“It also shows that local companies have the opportunity to be rewarded for providing good services to the Government.”

As part of this contact, Internode will provide two physically separate links for the State Government's internet network. This means if one link goes down or is damaged, the second link automatically picks up the load and there is no interruption to users. This will ensure greater security, capacity and business continuity for the State Government.

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