

Media Release

TLI Group to continue their expansion through the delivery of the National Broadband Plan

TLI Group are delighted to announce that they are a framework deployment partner on the National Broadband Plan (NBP), a project which has been underway for seven months now.

TLI Group, contracted to National Broadband Ireland (NBI), will commence the building of the fibre network in Limerick, which will bridge the digital divide and ensure that high speed telecom networks are available for generations to come.

With the advent of this project, the TLI Group's telecoms department will significantly grow and expand. The company are actively recruiting multiple new positions across various disciplines and are delighted to be creating new employment opportunities during these challenging times.

Commenting on the award TLI Group's Managing Director John Tuite said: As a business, we are delighted to be involved in the delivery of such an ambitious and vital project, that will provide much needed, future proofed connectivity in Rural Ireland. I would like to thank the entire TLI Group Team who have enabled this, without their professionalism, hard work and teamwork this would not have been possible.

National Broadband Ireland will deliver the NBP project on behalf of the Irish Government. A high-speed fibre broadband network will be rolled out to 537,000 premises in the 'Intervention Area,' - where the State have determined that this service is not available.

The new wholesale network will be built and operated by NBI, using a combination of State subsidy and commercial investment, and internet service providers will be able to access it.

It is widely accepted that better broadband networks promote social progress, equality and sustainability and that with equal access to local, national and global opportunity, every person, community and organisation in Ireland will be empowered to achieve more. One of the biggest challenges facing rural Ireland is to bridge the digital divide with urban areas. No town, village or community will be left behind under the NBP rollout.

The Government's National Broadband Plan aims to radically change the broadband landscape in Ireland. The full deployment will take 5-7 years and will involve constructing approximately 146,000km of fibre cable to connect over 1 million people in the 537,000 homes, farms, schools and businesses in the roll-out area.

The scale of the project is unprecedented - the rollout area will cover 96% of the country's land mass, in areas where commercial operators do not intend to offer service with download speeds of 30Mbps or higher. The rollout area – also known as “the Intervention Area” - has been mapped by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and will offer residential users a high-speed broadband service of 500mbps, with 1Gbps available for business.

TLI Group are a highly experienced delivery partner, who currently roll out critical utility infrastructure throughout Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK for a multitude of blue-chip clients. The company prides itself on its delivery reputation, which is underpinned by its operating values of safety, customer, delivery, flexibility, people and teamwork and the company mission to design, build and maintain vital services connecting people on behalf of its customers. TLI Group are delighted to be working in partnership with NBI in the delivery of this critical infrastructure project, which will benefit future generations to come.

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