



What is the CRC for *Construction Innovation*?

The Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for *Construction Innovation* was established in July 2001 to develop innovative ways to improve the performance of Australia's \$50 billion construction industry.

Construction Innovation is part of the Federal Government's CRC program, intended to help Australian industry become more competitive. It links researchers with industry to focus R&D efforts on finding commercially viable solutions to industry issues.

There are 72 CRCs currently operating. *Construction Innovation* is the only CRC focused on the construction industry. Our current seven-year funding cycle runs until June 2008, but we are seeking continuing funding until 2014.

Made up of 19 industry, government and research partners, *Construction Innovation* develops technologies, tools and management systems focussing on the needs of the property, design, construction and facility management sectors.

Our ability to bring disparate groups within construction together is delivering long-lasting benefits to the industry and the wider community. We are developing a smart software tool that automates building code checks, estimates quantities and schedules construction to improve productivity, reduce errors and reduce delays. We are working to improve safety for construction site workers and develop tools and short courses to improve project and relationship management. In facility management, our Sydney Opera House FM Exemplar project is benchmarking standards.

We are supported by a \$14 million Commonwealth grant over seven years and a further \$50 million in industry, research and additional government funding. Our partner organisations include Australia's leading construction companies, government departments and leading research bodies such as the CSIRO and universities.

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