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TWO global construction conglomerates are vying to build Bendigo's new \$630 million hospital.

The state government this week told two consortia they were on the shortlist to deliver the project.

Intecare, comprising John Laing, Theiss, RBS and Theiss Services, and Exemplar, comprising Capella, Lend Lease, Siemens and Spotless Services, are on the shortlist.

Both consortia will supply the government with their vision's for the hospital.

"The detailed request for tender documents are now being finalised, which set out the government's detailed specifications for a state-of-the-art facility,"

Victorian Health Minister David Davis said yesterday.

"The government is now looking to the shortlisted consortia to deliver their vision and designs for this facility which will meet the health needs of the people of Bendigo and surrounding areas."

Global giants Lend Lease and Theiss are at the centre of the two bids.

Both companies have previously received Victorian government contracts and have built billion-dollar developments across the globe.

The *Bendigo Advertiser* contacted Lend Lease and Theiss yesterday. Representatives at both companies said they were unable to comment on the matter.

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Project to boost Bendigo economy

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The new Bendigo hospital development will be the largest project in regional Victoria's history.

Mr Davis said the project would create hundreds of jobs and offer a boost to Bendigo's economy.

"This exciting project will create at least 735 construction industry and supply chain jobs providing a welcome stimulus to the local Bendigo economy," he said.

"At least 500 of these jobs will be maintained for at least three years during the peak

construction period for the hospital."

The expressions of interest to design, build and manage the hospital under a public private partnership closed in September last year.

The government had said it would announce a shortlist of

bidders in November last year.

But undisclosed delays held up the announcement of a shortlist until this week.

The government will announce its preferred bidder later this year.

Construction of the hospital is due to start in December and finish in 2016.



BY DESIGN: The new Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.



AT WORK: Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital is on Thiess' CV.

Consortia boast solid track records

LEND LEASE

LEND Lease is a construction, design and management company that works across Australia, the Asia Pacific, Europe and the Americas.

The company won a Victorian government contract to project manage, construct and design Melbourne's new Royal Children's Hospital.

The \$1.074-billion project won a national health and safety award in 2010.

Lend Lease has delivered health projects across the globe, including the \$890 million Queensland Children's Hospital project in South Brisbane.

The company has joined forces with VicUrban to deliver Melbourne's Victoria Harbour project at the Docklands.

The \$4.5 billion project is due for completion in 2021 and will

comprise residential, retail and commercial spaces.

In December last year, the Victorian government announced Lend Lease had received a \$505 million contract with the Regional Rail Link project.

Lend Lease will design and construct about 25 kilometres of broad gauge railway track between Deer Park and the West Werribee junction.

The project will be delivered as a 50/50 joint venture between Baulderston, which is part of Lend Lease, and Leighton Contractors.

Lend Lease provided construction management services for the September 11 memorial in New York City.

The company's portfolio ranges from road to aviation, public to private, sporting to arts projects.

THIESS

THIESS is a subsidiary of international contractor Leighton Holdings, which has companies in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Gulf region.

The company specialises in construction and mining.

Thiess received a \$721 million Royal North Shore Hospital redevelopment contract and a 29-year maintenance contract in 2008.

It was the largest contract of its kind in the New South Wales Department of Health's history and is due for completion in 2014.

Thiess will deliver the project as part of the InfraShore consortium.

The company has also received another four major hospital redevelopments.

The state and federal governments last year awarded

Thiess an \$835 million contract for the Regional Rail Link project between Footscray and Deer Park.

Thiess entered a joint partnership to design and construct Melbourne's Eastlink – a new road between Mitcham and Frankston in 2004.

The \$2.6 billion project was the biggest the Leighton Group had received.

Thiess started in Queensland in 1934 and became part of the Leighton Group in 1983.

It's portfolio of work includes projects in New Zealand, Indonesia and India.

The company has delivered road, rail, tunnel, dam, resource, water, marine, power, defence, health, correctional, education and commercial projects.

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