

Collaboration with Engineering New Zealand leads to partnership

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MBIE and Engineering NZ have been collaborating over the past 18 months to develop a framework to draw on the engineering and technical expertise within the ENZ membership.

Now MBIE and ENZ have agreed to a partnership that will provide certainty and continuity of information and advice from the engineering sector. This partnership contributes significantly towards MBIE's commitment to engaging and collaborating with the building and construction sector.

A benefit of the agreement will be using the project management capabilities and technical network of ENZ to deliver MBIE-commissioned projects. These will inform and provide insights into the Building Code.

Two projects recently commissioned by MBIE represent an initial investment of up to \$1.2 million over the next two years. They are:

- completing the Geotechnical Practice Series (the geotech modules) and preparing selected topics for conversion into Acceptable Solutions; and
- collecting evidence of the impact of using the technical proposal (yellow chapter) of the Engineering Assessment Guidelines for building earthquake assessments.

These projects will provide much-needed compliance information for geotechnical engineers and case study evidence that evaluates current performance settings for seismic analysis.

More project funding cases are being prepared, with the intent to use the ENZ network, along with their technical and project management capability to deliver concurrent projects.

