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### **Polaris Springfield selected as National Facility for NBN**

NBN Co has decided to locate its second national data centre within the state-of-the-art Polaris facility at Springfield in Queensland.

The contract surprised many Industry observers since NBN Co had earmarked Melbourne as the likely candidate for location of its second major facility, as recently as September last year. In fact the option has been under consideration for several months. Some of the confusion over the location for the NBN Co's second data centre may have been due to the presence of a large racking environment in its Docklands facility near Melbourne's CBD.

The deal adds yet another high-profile customer to the five-storey, \$241 million Polaris data centre facility located south-west of Brisbane's CBD, which already includes NEC Australia, Suncorp, CITEC, HP and others.

It also represents a major coup for Queensland which is committed to strong regional development based on the benefits and offerings of NBN.

NBN Co's head of corporate services Kevin Brown told the media that the company was "establishing two world class data centres to provide essential computing capability to deliver a large-scale and resilient network".

"We're pleased that one of these centres is in Brisbane as it extends our national footprint and capability," he said.

NBN Co's primary data centre was located in Sydney's Global Switch after the network builder struck a three-year, \$3 million deal late last year.

It was unclear whether NBN Co would run its Sydney and Brisbane data centres in an active-active configuration.



However, this space will be used to house core switches and other kit owned by access seekers that sought NBN accreditation through the National Test Lab environment, and would not to be used to house equipment that ran NBN Co's IT environment.

#### ABOUT US:

Strategic Directions were the ICT Design authority for Polaris, and are the ICT Master Planners for Greater Springfield.

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