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FirstRate5 ENERGY RATING SOFTWARE GOES TO TENDER

Sustainability Victoria is calling for tenders for the sale of its industry-leading software FirstRate5 which is used to rate the thermal performance of residential buildings.

Announcing the request for tender today, Sustainability Victoria's newly appointed CEO, Stan Krpan, said the organisation was developing a new direction.

"We believe owning and maintaining software is not in line with our future direction and FirstRate5 would be better maintained by private industry," Mr Krpan said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for a potential new owner and for the industry in general," he said.

SV has owned and maintained FirstRate5 and its predecessor software for more than 20 years. The software has helped existing home owners and the building industry to improve the energy efficiency of Australian dwellings.

Mr Krpan said the aim of the tender process was to find a new owner who would be able to further improve the software and provide a high level of service to new and existing licensees.

"The Victorian Government's ICT procurement policy recognises innovation is best achieved through private sector ownership of software IP, and we firmly believe there is an exciting future for this software in the marketplace," Mr Krpan said.

A request for tender will be posted on www.tenders.vic.gov.au on 8 February for a period of four weeks.

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