## City company pushes for top defence contract



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A TOOWOOMBA company's bid for a \$1 billion Australian Defence Force contract has been given a boost with the launch of a new website detailing the project proposal.

Protected Transport Systems (PTS) is aiming for the significant contract to build light-armoured vehicles for the ADF.

The vehicles would be built in Toowoomba at Great Western Manufacturing, creating an estimated 250 jobs in the city.

Toowoomba website designer Graeme Morris from Info-Design Online said his company was the first to win a PTS contract in its bid to secure the ADF job.

"The whole aim was to present the vehicle effectively, but simply," Mr Morris said.

"I was very happy to be part of it because I'm playing a small part of what could potentially be a much, much bigger



Designer Graeme Morris is working with PTS to help secure a defence force contract.

endeavour."

Derek Andrews from PTS said the website launch was another step along the path to win the ADF contract.

He said the website would provide an avenue for suppliers of componentry in Toowoomba to register their interest with PTS. The ADF will first appoint two companies to build prototypes of their vehicle and then one company will win the manufacturing contract.

To view the proposal, visit www.protectedtransport.com.au