MINISTER FOR BUSINESS

PROMOTING TERRITORY EXPERTISE AT DEFENCE CONFERENCE

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Minister for Business Peter Chandler is promoting the Territory’s expertise alongside business and NT Government officials at the Land Warfare Conference in Melbourne.

“Defence spending is a big contributor to the Territory economy but the path to securing Defence contracts is extremely competitive,” Mr Chandler said.

“The Territory’s representation at the Land Warfare Conference is especially relevant as the major Defence presence in the Territory is the army.

“Defence expenditure in the Northern Territory for 2010-11 was $1.7 billion.

“This expenditure has increased on average by 11 per cent a year over the past decade.

“The conference offers a valuable opportunity to meet defence contractors and project managers and promote the Territory’s industrial and business strengths.

The Northern Territory Government and Territory industry have a joint stand at an exhibition running with the conference.

More than 1000 delegates are attending the conference, organised by the Australian Government’s Defence Science and Technology Organisation. It is held every two years.

Conference delegates include representatives from industry, research institutions, designers, the military and Government. Products and services on show range from military vehicles to tracking management and artillery and mortar systems.

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