MINISTER FOR BUSINESS

SUPPORTING COMPANIES TO BE CONTRACT READY

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Minister for Business, Peter Chandler, said today the Government is assisting business to be contract ready for major projects.

"Territory companies need to reap the benefits from the major projects.

"The Government is giving small and medium business a leg up, where necessary, so they are in a competitive position to bid for contracts.

"We are doing this by helping them identify the relevant opportunities for the supply of products, materials and services.

"Another focus is to check for any weaknesses in a company which it can remedy. It is then 100 per cent ready and able to fulfil contracts.

"Already 24 local businesses from a wide range of industries have taken part in the first round of the Enterprise Connect program.

"These included civil contractors, plumbing, building, transport, engineering and mechanical services companies.

"Another 30 are taking part in the current round.

"The Territory Government and the Commonwealth Government programs are also bringing together top level project contractors to mentor businesses.

"In practical terms this means our ‘little guys’ are being critiqued and mentored by the top tier contractors.

"The Government continues to have a focus on supporting business in all areas including health, safety, security and environmental requirements."

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