The Country Liberals Government is proud to announce the Indigenous Economic Business Forum will return to Alice Springs in 2013. This biannual event last took place in Darwin in 2011.

The 6th Indigenous Economic Development Forum will be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on the 21st and 22nd of October with the theme ‘Taking Care of Business’.

Minister for Regional Development, Alison Anderson, is urging Indigenous people from across the Territory who currently own a business or are thinking about starting one to attend this forum.

“This forum is a fantastic opportunity for Indigenous people to come together with entrepreneurs, community and all levels of government to discuss how to achieve sustainable economic outcomes,” Ms Anderson said.

“Small businesses have a high failure rate, especially in the first two years; this forum will provide the knowledge, tools and contacts to give existing and potential business owners the best chance of survival.

“An Indigenous Business Expo will showcase successful businesses, in a range of areas, that will hopefully inspire some attendees to take that next step to starting their dream business.

“Remoteness is always an issue when hosting a Territory-wide event, so to encourage Indigenous people from outside of the Alice Springs region the Department of Regional Development is providing assistance to attend the forum.

“It is important that the remoteness of the Territory doesn’t hinder our ability to foster economic development through small and medium business in our regional centres and communities.

“The assistance is a great initiative and I’m hoping we will have a positive turnout, I am certainly looking forward to attending this year.

If you would like to find out more about the event and/or apply for assistance please visit the Indigenous Economic Development website, www.ied.nt.gov.au or phone 1800 256 923.

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