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Minister for Business

Local Businesses Given a Red Hot Go

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Three Territory businesses have won four contracts worth more than $8 million, and as a result the work will create about 70 new jobs for Territorians.

Minister for Business David Tollner congratulated the businesses for picking up the contracts with JKC Australia LNG Pty Ltd (JKC) for work on the Ichthys Project onshore LNG facilities.

Manufacturing contracts have been awarded to:
- Monadelphous Engineering Associated Pty Ltd (two contracts)
- MMC Australia Pty Ltd
- EC&E Pty Ltd.

Mr Tollner said today that this was a great outcome for local businesses which will deliver fabrication works, utilising 670 tonnes of steel.

“Territory businesses and workers have what it takes to deliver on projects like Ichthys, and this will help to further build the profile of the Territory’s manufacturing sector,” Mr Tollner said.

“Earlier this year, the Chief Minister and I wrote to JKC asking that they consider local businesses when awarding contracts. JKC undertook a review of its subcontracts and allocated a portion of two larger contracts to be split, allowing local businesses to compete for the work.”

The contracts, to deliver platforms and ladders to provide access to large tanks, and to deliver structures to support piping and electrical cabling, will be delivered from October 2013 through to December 2014.

“Today’s announcement is the result of a ‘Team NT’ approach to maximising Ichthys Project opportunities for local business,” Mr Tollner said. “The Territory Government is looking forward to similar outcomes with other prime contractors.”

The Country Liberals Government has committed more than $106 million to supporting business and workforce development including $98.1 million for training.

Today’s Try’a Skill event encourages young people to consider a career in a trade or skill industry and take on VET subjects in their senior years.

“With wins like these for local businesses, the future looks very good for young Territorians with projections of more than 20,000 jobs being created in the next five years.

“Students taking on traineeships and apprenticeships will be in a great position to take advantage of the jobs boom as a result of the major projects already in our grips and those yet to come.”

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