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A local telecommunications company, Northern Business Communications (NBC), has been rewarded for its work in the Defence Industry.

The business received the Minister's Award for Excellence in the Defence Industry during the inaugural Defence Industry Summit which closed in Darwin today.

The Minister for Defence Industries and Community Support, David Tollner, has paid tribute to NBC saying the business has worked extremely hard over the years to grow its capability to support Defence.

“The business began in 1999 as a subcontractor employing just four staff,” Mr Tollner said.

“In 2000, the business recognised an opportunity to expand and opened a branch in Katherine to supply services to the Tindal RAAF base, Delamere Range and Bradshaw Station.

“They also became a member of the Defence Industry Security Program in 2003 which enabled staff to obtain Defence security clearances and access passes to Defence establishments.

“This in turn allowed the business to expand the range of specialised services it could provide to Defence.

“Since then, the business has continued to invest in new equipment and training and now employs 28 qualified staff.”

The award was presented as part of the Australian Industry and Defence Network NT (AIDN-NT) awards which attracted people from across Defence and local industry.

“The Territory Government’s sponsorship of these awards reflects our commitment to growing and supporting local industry,” Mr Tollner said.

“NBC will also receive $5000 to further develop their business.”

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