Making business simpler

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The Territory Government is launching a new one stop website for the lodgement of invoices, making it quicker and easier for businesses to get their bills paid.

“My Government has heard the message loud and clear that the business community wants this invoice payment process streamlined and we have set up a new website to make that happen,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said tonight at the official launch of October Business Month.

“We know that businesses often find the process of submitting hand written paper invoices inconvenient and the payment system slow.

“InvoiceNTG will now allow bills to be lodged and tracked securely online, meaning invoices can be tracked electronically and will get paid faster.

“It will also be possible to email remittance advice and receive SMS and email alerts when payments are made.

“There will also be a mobile app available so that invoices can be tracked on smart phones and tablets.

“Last year, the Government moved to an online-only tender system to simplify the process of securing government work. I am thrilled we are now able to complement that with an online invoice system too.

“This is exactly the kind of innovation and red tape reduction we need to overcome investment barriers that have been holding the Territory back for more than a decade.

“The Territory is one of the most aggressive governments in Australia on tackling red tape in areas ranging from construction to motor vehicle registration, and professional registration to land titles.

“The NT Red Tape Abolition Squad has been working to map red tape barriers in government agencies and we have also established a hotline and Red Tape Advocate with direct responsibility for solving red tape issues on particular cases. I encourage all businesses to use this service.
“October Business Month is a fantastic opportunity to talk about all the great things we are doing to make it easier to do business in the Territory. It’s also a chance to showcase the huge investment opportunities available as we develop Northern Australia.

“This year marks 20 years since October Business Month began and the 2014 program is jam-packed with more than 130 opportunities for professional development and networking.

“Keynote speakers include Michelle Bridges, Mark Bouris, Roger Seow, Mark Beretta and Peter Blasina. Most events are free and held after hours to make it easy to attend.

“We already have more than 1000 registrations for the Darwin Mark Bouris event on 1 October and the Alice Springs opening breakfast is a full house.

“More than 6000 people are expected to attend events in October Business Month which is a joint initiative if the Territory Government and the Chamber of Commerce NT.”

To view the October Business Month calendar of events go to www.obm.nt.gov.au

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