One of the largest steel fabrication contracts ever awarded in the Territory has been won by local company M&J Welding.

The contract was awarded by the Sitzler/Barclay Mowlem joint venture, which is building the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre as part of the Darwin City Waterfront development.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns said the multi-million dollar contract would result in large sub-contracts flowing to other Territory businesses.

“The $1.1 billion Waterfront development is providing a massive boost to the Territory’s construction industry,” Dr Burns said.

“The pad for the Convention and Exhibition Centre has been completed, and construction of the sea wall is well under way.

“I would like to congratulate M&J Welding, which has won the contract to supply 1100 tonnes of structural steel for the Convention and Exhibition Centre.”

Mick Dunne, of M&J Welding, said the contract was one of the biggest seen in Darwin.

“We will sub-contract to local companies such as One Steel [steel supply], Precision Drafting, Norblast [painting] and R&S Riggers, as well as local transport and consumable companies,” he said.

M&J Welding has supplied many of the big projects in the Territory, including Robertson Barracks, the original Royal Darwin Hospital and its recent extension, the second stage of Casuarina Shopping Centre, and Palmerston's Woolworths and Hub projects.

Territory Manager of Barclay Mowlem, Dick Guit, said the joint venture had worked with M&J Welding on several large projects and had confidence in the company's ability to supply such a development.

“This contract demonstrates the capacity of local businesses,” he said.

“Their combination of long experience, local knowledge and competitiveness makes companies such as M&J Welding invaluable partners,” Mr Guit said.

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