Small Businesses to Benefit from Housing Works

Territory businesses will have the opportunity to find out how they can get involved in a multi-million dollar housing construction program at a forum in Darwin this week.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight said the program would be rolled out under Stage Two of the Australian Government’s Nation Building and Jobs Plan stimulus package.

“The Territory is expected to benefit from more than $50 million to build new public housing and boost accommodation services under Stage Two of the stimulus package,” Mr Knight said.

“We are working with the Commonwealth to get job-creating projects out quickly and efficiently.

“This week’s forum will give the construction industry and members of the not-for-profit housing sector the chance to hear about the opportunities to benefit from this work.”

The Department of Local Government and Housing has issued a Request for Proposal for land, design and construction of new social housing, and this forum will enable local businesses to gain more information.

The new round of funding follows $7.1 million already received under Stage One of Operation Stimulus for social housing construction and $4.1 million received to upgrade 175 existing public housing properties.

“These housing projects are delivering real results for small business and protecting Territory jobs,” said Mr Knight.

“Local businesses have already secured contracts worth more than $640 000 for upgrade works, with 23 homes already upgraded.”
“Tenders are also open for the first four of 22 new homes to be built across the Territory to help meet our housing needs.”

The industry briefing forum will take place on Friday May 15 at 7.30am at the Holiday Inn on the Esplanade. For more information call 08 8999 8584 or email robert.cova@nt.gov.au

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