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Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Minister for Business

Buy Local Roadshow to inform Territory businesses

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The Northern Territory Government is embarking on a Territory-wide roadshow to ensure local businesses have the information they need to harness the benefits the Buy Local Plan has to offer.

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Business Peter Styles said the Buy Local roadshow was designed to empower all businesses including small to medium enterprises across the territory to capitalise on the new plan.

“We developed this Buy Local Plan through extensive consultation with Territory businesses, industry associations and other stakeholders and now we are continuing this communication to ensure the best results are realised for local businesses,” Mr Styles said.

“The Buy Local Plan is a suite of measures designed to ensure Territory businesses are afforded the chance to bid for and win a greater percentage of the $3 billion NT Government spending each year.”

Those who attend the workshops will have the opportunity to ask questions on elements of the plan, including:

- Mandatory local involvement in all requests for quotes worth up to $100,000, in addition to existing local content requirements for all tenders above $100,000.

- The new term ‘Territory Enterprise’ identifies local businesses as ‘An enterprise operating in the Northern Territory, with a significant permanent presence in the NT and employing NT residents.’

- The increase in the minimum weighting of local content and benefits from 20% to 25% in all government quotes and tenders.

- How government is working to ensure local content commitments included in tender responses are carried through into the contract terms and are monitored throughout.

- The operation of the Local Benefit Advisory Panel (LBAP). A panel of Territorians which being established to review and advise on Buy Local aspects of the tender responses and contracts estimated to be worth more than $5 million.

Details of the roadshow sessions are:
18 March - Knotts Crossing Resort, Katherine, 9am – 11am
21 March - Barkly House, Tennant Creek, 10am - 1.30pm
22 March – Alice Springs Conventions Centre, 11am - 1pm
23 March - Walkabout Lodge, Nhulunbuy,10am – 12 noon
24 March - Mantra Pandanas, Darwin, 9 am – 11am
30 March- Rydges Palmerston, 9am –11am

To register, go to http://www.buylocal.nt.gov.au/the-plan/roadshow.shtml

The Buy Local Plan can be found at www.buylocal.nt.gov.au.

The roadshow is being held as part of the Open Territory program of events. Checkout the full list of events at www.openterritory.nt.gov.au.

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