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Department of Business and Employment (formerly DBERD)

The Defence Support Division (DSD) is part of the new Department of Business and Employment. This department will have an enhanced focus on supporting business investment and capacity building in the Northern Territory to produce increased job and employment opportunities.

Appointment of Assistance Secretary

Peter Sims has been appointed Assistant Secretary Defence Support. Peter has worked in Defence Support for the past five years as the Manager of Industry Development working in partnership with local industry and Defence.

NT Jobs Show

Business Australia wide is experiencing a shortage of skilled workers. The DSD supported the Northern Territory Government Skilled Worker Campaign 2008 to promote real NT jobs to the interstate market at the NT Job Shows in Newcastle and Adelaide in late July.

More than 200 businesses participated with 470 job vacancies displayed at each location. Around 260 attended in Newcastle and 400 attended in Adelaide. Workers registered their interest in relocating to the Northern Territory, and these details will be available to NT employers on the skilled workers database.

The next NT Jobs Show will be in Melbourne on 10 September 2008. More Job Shows are planned for the future and we will advise details when available.

An online database will be accessible to businesses wishing to find details of workers interested in relocating to the Northern Territory in the near future. More details on how to access this tool will be provided when available.



Potential employees in Newcastle keen to view jobs available in the Northern Territory.

Land Warfare Conference 27-31 October 2008

DSD are planning for this year's exhibit at the Land Warfare Conference, to be held in Brisbane in October. The Northern Territory Government is a General Sponsor, and DSD will have a 90 square-metre stand promoting NT Industry capability to Defence and defence prime contractors. Eight Territory Defence support businesses are confirmed as participating in the exhibit and conference.

For more information on participating in the Land Warfare Conference exhibit contact Jodie Stewart on (08) 8999 7772.



The Northern Territory stand at last year's Land Warfare Conference in Adelaide.

Did you know...

Defence recurrent expenditure in NT 2006/07 totalled \$1.08billion including:

Salaries	\$474 million (approx)
Operational	\$537 million (approx)

Defence + Industry ePortal

The Defence Materiel Organisation has released its new ePortal and Territory Defence support businesses are encouraged to be part of it. The database is accessible via the Defence + Industry ePortal at www.dplus1.defence.gov.au.

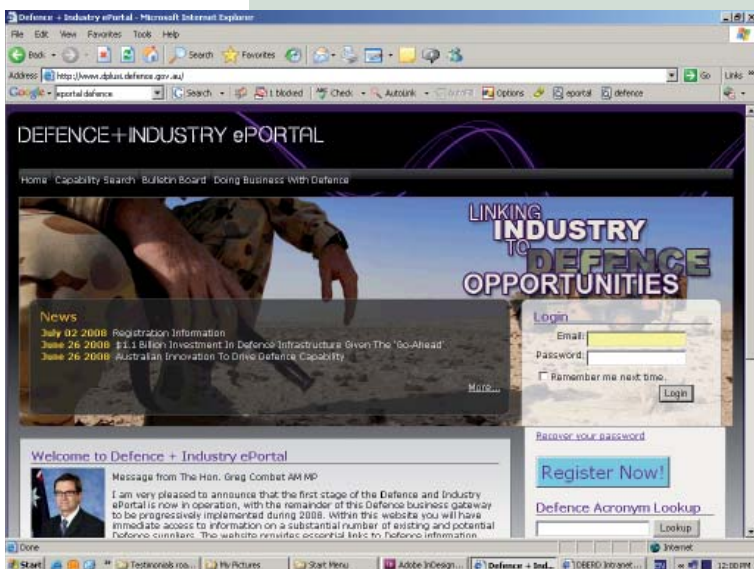
The ePortal is being developed as part of the Federal Government's Defence and Industry Policy statement, released in March 2007, specifically to support Strategy 4 of the statement: 'the creation of opportunities for Australian firms within the Defence Industry sector'. The DSD of the Department of Business and Employment (DBE) and AIDN-NT recognise the value in this project as it supports their strategy to promote local industry capability to Defence and defence prime contractors.

The first iteration became available on 1 July 2008 and provides an opportunity for local defence support businesses to register details on an industry database. Increased functionality will develop as further phases of the database are released. Membership is not mandatory but strongly recommended.

The industry database is a publicly searchable database of industry capabilities, skills and services to support the Australian Defence Force and to create opportunities for Australian industry to compete across the full range of goods and services Defence requires.

The new ePortal will deliver a number of benefits for industry including early notification of forthcoming opportunities, enhanced flow of information and dialogue between Defence and Industry, and improved opportunities for small and medium enterprises to participate in Defence acquisition and sustainment activities.

For questions and further information on the ePortal please email the Project Team at icis.info@defence.gov.au or call the DMO Business Access Office NT on 89354131.



View the Defence + Industry ePortal:
www.dplus1.defence.gov.au

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