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DEFENCE & INDUSTRY STUDY COURSE 2008

Increasing Knowledge and Networks between Defence and Industry

Expressions of interest are being sought from leaders in the Northern Territory defence support industry for sponsorship to attend the Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) 2008.

The Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development (DBERD) and the Australian Industry and Defence Network NT (AIDN-NT) have partnered to co-sponsor one industry attendee at this year's DISC.

This innovative course comprises a part time program of interstate seminars and tours intended to provide participants with an unparalleled opportunity to see first hand how Defence and defence industry operate in Australia, and how to apply that knowledge in their own organisation.

Personal commitment to the course is about 21 days, covering three one week modules spread over a calendar year. The course is aimed at those in senior management positions in their organisations.

The overall cost of attending the course is \$9 900 (including GST) and the Northern Territory Government and AIDN-NT will sponsor \$4 950 of this amount.

Nominations are to be submitted by email to defencesupport@nt.gov.au no later than COB 14 March 2008. For further details contact Ian Cargill on 8999 7801 or email defencesupport@nt.gov.au

RAAF Base Tindal Community Expo

The RAAF Base Tindal branch of the Defence Community Organisation hosted a Community Expo on 24 January 2008 for new defence personnel and their families posted to RAAF Base Tindal.

The aim of the expo was to provide a wide range of information on services and community groups available in Katherine. Information stalls from over 60 organisations were on display including local sporting groups, schools, arts and crafts, children's services and other support services.



Jodie Stewart and Lyn Guelfi, along with Defence families, check out a FA-18 at the RAAF Base Tindal

Jodie Stewart and Lyn Guelfi participated in the Community Expo on behalf of the Defence Support Division, promoting the new "Welcome to the Territory" website to the local Defence community. The website has been created to provide a range of information for Defence personnel and their families on what to expect when they arrive in the Territory and what services are available in Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine. To visit the site go to www.defencesupport.nt.gov.au.

Jodie and Lyn also took part in a tour of RAAF Base Tindal where they had the opportunity to see a FA-18 Hornet up close.

Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards 2008

The 2008 Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards are now open for nominations.

We are looking for the Territory's most outstanding thinkers and problem solvers.

The Research and Innovation Awards recognise outstanding achievement through research and/or innovation in the Northern Territory. These Awards are an initiative of the Northern Territory Government and the Northern Territory Research and Innovation Board.

Nominations are open to all members of the community, whether from business or the research sector, and winners receive cash prizes up to \$5 000, as well as recognition for their achievements.

Whether you are from business, in the research sector or just someone who has had a great idea and followed it through you should consider entering this year's Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards. Territorians are invited to nominate peers, colleagues or themselves for the Awards.

Entries must be completed and submitted by 14 March 2008.

Award Categories

- Minister for Business and Economic Development Innovation Award \$5 000
- South Cross Television Desert Knowledge Research Award \$5 000
- Tropical Knowledge Research Award \$5 000
- McArthur River Mine Indigenous Innovation Award \$5 000
- AusIndustry New Generation Research and Innovation Award \$2 000.

Winners in each category will be considered for the Northern Territory Chief Minister's Research and Innovation Award.

For more information, including nomination and entry forms, and for dinner registration, go to www.research-innovation.nt.gov.au

The finalists and winners will be announced at the Northern Territory Research and Innovation Awards presentation dinner, 29 May 2008.

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