

Media release

Supply Nation and NIAA partner to showcase Indigenous businesses in Dubbo

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Supply Nation has joined with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to showcase the vibrant and growing Indigenous business sector with a series of Trade Fairs across Australia. On 25 September 2019, Dubbo will host an event forecast to attract 36 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and over 80 government and corporate buyers keen to learn more about their products and services.

Laura Berry, Chief Executive Officer of Supply Nation said: “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been running innovative, successful and sustainable businesses for 60,000 years. Supply Nation aims to bring together today’s Indigenous businesses with potential buyers so that their organisations can understand the range of businesses in the market and the value that they offer.

“Dubbo, as with many regional centres, has a relatively high Aboriginal population – with the 2011 Census indicating that 12.5% of the local population is Indigenous. In Dubbo itself 26 Indigenous businesses are registered with us.

“Supply Nation is committed to a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector, and, together with NIAA, we are taking these Trade Fairs on the road to ensure that all businesses and buyers around the country have the opportunity to engage.”

Supply Nation was founded in 2009 and has recently achieved the milestone of listing over 2,000 Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander businesses on Indigenous Business Direct (the online directory). In the Adelaide Trade Fair, businesses are represented from industries including building and construction; facilities management; recruitment and HR services; consultants; education and training; and office supplies.

Upcoming NIAA and Supply Nation Trade Fairs are scheduled for Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne; and there have already been events in Canberra and Karratha.