

## Media release

### Aboriginal Business Trade Fair to wrap up the 9<sup>th</sup> Aboriginal Economic Development Forum in Darwin

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To conclude the 9th Aboriginal Economic Development Forum (AEDF), the Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN), with the support of the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and Supply Nation, will host the Northern Territory Aboriginal Business Trade Fair in Darwin on Friday 8 November.

The Trade Fair will showcase the vibrant growing Indigenous business sector, with over 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and over 350 government and corporate buyers, keen to learn more about their products and services.

Laura Berry, Chief Executive Officer of Supply Nation said: “Since the last Trade Fair we held in Darwin, we have seen a significant spike in the number of Aboriginal businesses registering with Supply Nation. We’re committed to growing a prosperous, vibrant and sustainable Indigenous business sector across the country, but no-where has as dense an Aboriginal population as the Northern Territory – and so we’re proud to be back and showcasing such a rich cross-section of the sector here this year.

“Together with the new National Indigenous Australians Agency, Supply Nation is taking Trade Fairs on the road to ensure that all businesses and buyers around the country have the opportunity to engage and develop the economic relationships and opportunities that flow from face to face meetings.”

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

Businesses and attendees at the Darwin Aboriginal Business Trade Fair will also have the chance to meet representatives from 12 government agencies to discuss upcoming opportunities and how best to work with government.

Supply Nation was founded in 2009 and has recently achieved the milestone of listing over 2,100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses on Indigenous Business Direct (the online directory). There are currently 190 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses listed based in the Northern Territories and this has increased by almost 50% in the last year.