

Media release

Indigenous Business Month wraps up with First Nations Business Trade Fair at Australian Parliament House in Canberra

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In collaboration with the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), ACT Government and Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS), Supply Nation is proud to host the First Nations Business Trade Fair at Australian Parliament House in Canberra on Monday 31 October 2022.

Coinciding with the conclusion of Indigenous Business Month, the Trade Fair provides 80 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses with the opportunity to showcase their products and services to over 500 motivated corporate and government buyers. The Trade Fair will highlight the vibrancy and diversity of the Indigenous business sector, with exhibitor representation from a range of industries, including building and construction, facilities management, recruitment and HR services, arts and entertainment, business and administration services and catering, food and hospitality.

Supply Nation's Chief Executive Officer, Jodie Taylor said she is thrilled to collaborate with NIAA, ACT Government and DPS to hold our first Trade Fair in Canberra since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are delighted to reconnect Indigenous businesses and corporate and government buyers in Canberra after almost three years. Despite the COVID-19 crisis and the devastating natural disasters over recent years, we are proud to see the Indigenous business sector continue to grow – a true testament to the resilience and strength of First Nations businesses," Ms Taylor said.

The First Nations Business Trade Fair falls at the end of an important month for Indigenous Australians, as October marks Indigenous Business Month.

"The theme for Indigenous Business Month this year is 'Actions Today, Impact Tomorrow', encouraging individuals and organisations to come together and act now to create a greater impact for the future. The Trade Fair will facilitate business connections and foster new opportunities to strengthen the Indigenous business sector and drive economic empowerment for future generations."

To register to attend the First Nations Business Trade Fair in Canberra and demonstrate your support for First Nations businesses this Indigenous Business Month, click [here](#).

About Supply Nation

Supply Nation is the Australian leader in supplier diversity and is proud to be the first and pre-eminent supplier diversity organisation in Australia. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's world-leading 5-step verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct (with currently over 3,900 businesses) are not only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned but are regularly audited for changes in company structure. Registration is completely free of charge for all Indigenous businesses. Supply Nation partners with its paid membership of government, corporate and NFP organisations to develop procurement policies that modify, and redirect spend to include the traditionally underutilised Indigenous business sector.

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