



Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP)



The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) is the largest investments undertaken by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments in Indigenous housing.

Under SIHIP, 73 remote Indigenous communities and a number of community living areas (town camps) in the Northern Territory are receiving improved housing and related infrastructure by 2013, conditional upon secure land tenure arrangements. Better housing will help:

- make families healthier;
- strengthen communities;
- and enable economic growth through job training opportunities.

Governments and the alliances are working closely with communities to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for each community.

SIHIP is a part of Remote Housing NT, a key reform program to help close the gap of Indigenous disadvantage across the Northern Territory. The \$672 million program is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments and will be delivered by 2013.

The alliances

An alliance is formed when organisations work together in partnership to deliver a project. The three construction company consortia known as alliances that have been engaged to delivery SIHIP across the Northern Territory are:

- Earth Connect Alliance;
- New Future Alliance; and
- Territory Alliance.



Involving the community

Community engagement is an important part of SIHIP. Before any work starts, the government and alliances will work together and talk to people in each community about a range of things including:

- Land use and area planning;
- Housing design, priorities and options;
- Jobs and training opportunities; and
- How local businesses can benefit.

Housing Reference Groups (HRGs) are being established in each community to work with government and ensure local communities have input to decisions about housing in their community.

Creating jobs

Indigenous employment and workforce development is a fundamental aspect of SIHIP.

A target of 20 per cent has been set for Indigenous employment across the program. Alliances are also looking to sub contract and use local companies that can provide services at a competitive cost, placing a priority on the use of local Indigenous companies.

Governments will work with communities and local industry with the aim of ensuring that jobs created through SIHIP will be sustainable.

Opportunities for businesses

There are opportunities for small businesses, Indigenous enterprises and sub-contractors across the Northern Territory to obtain work through SIHIP.

Northern Territory businesses and Indigenous enterprises can get involved by registering with the Northern Territory Industry Capability Network (NTICN). The NTICN provides an access point for alliances wanting to source contractors for work with SIHIP. To register on the NTICN Database, visit www.sihp.icn.org.au

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