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Bilfinger Berger Services commits to increasing Indigenous workforce participation

Specialist engineering, construction and asset management contractor, Bilfinger Berger Services (BBS), has signed the Australian Employment Covenant (AEC) and has set a target of 12 per cent Indigenous workforce participation in Western Australia in 2010.

To help achieve this goal, BBS has signed a service agreement with Indigenous Training Australia (ITA) – an Indigenous-run organisation. Under the service agreement, ITA will provide labour hire and transport, pastoral care and family support to Indigenous employees, to support long-term retention of staff.

West Australian Operations Manager, Daryl Smith, said, “The partnership with ITA will enable us to achieve a significant improvement in our Indigenous workforce participation and retention in Western Australia.”

BBS is working with ITA in Port Hedland and will support the establishment of ITA’s business in the Newman region.

“BBS is firmly committed to giving back to the communities that host its activities, and in the Pilbara, a key issue is a lack of long-term employment opportunities for Indigenous people,” said BBS Executive Director Infrastructure Services, David Tucker.

“We saw this community issue as a chance for us to get involved and we’re proud to work with other member organisations towards providing employment for 50,000 Indigenous Australians.”

The AEC (Australian Employment Covenant – www.fiftythousandjobs.com.au) assists companies to access employer specified training for Indigenous employment and has a target of 50,000 sustainable jobs for Indigenous Australians.

About Bilfinger Berger Services

Bilfinger Berger Services is a specialist engineering, construction and asset management contractor, creating, operating and maintaining vital public and industrial infrastructure in Australia, New Zealand and the region. Comprising business units with operating histories of 60 years or more and employing in excess of 3,500 people, the company is a leading provider to the energy, utilities, resources, industrial, transport and social infrastructure sectors.

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