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### **Navy Base in WA Brings Contracts**

*Australia's largest Naval Base, HMAS Stirling makes a \$100 million difference to its local community and that figure is set to grow substantially. Already \$15 million in contracts has been awarded this year and bigger works are on the horizon.*

So said speakers at a business breakfast in Rockingham recently. The breakfast was jointly hosted by AIDN-WA, Rockingham-Kwinana Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Rockingham and was attended by over 100 people.

Base Support Manager, David Marshall said that there are three levels of contract available: Firstly day to day maintenance, managed by Broadspectrum, a large employer of subcontractors. Such works can include cleaning, vermin control, transport, grounds maintenance, and repairs of all kinds.

Secondly, there are minor works projects valued between \$1–15 million, managed by two national contractors Augility and Aurecon, which are currently servicing 17 contracts, including such works as bridge and road maintenance.

Finally there are capital or infrastructure works, which involve the delivery of new support and capability. One such project is the phase three redevelopment of HMAS Stirling which is estimated at \$366 million and should be carried out between 2017 and 2020.

Tenders are advertised and open to competition and provision is made for potential suppliers to visit HMAS Stirling to become accustomed to its unique conditions and requirements. Interested businesses are advised to take the time to understand their intended Client before tendering and to consider entering the field at the maintenance levels.

Keynote speaker at the Breakfast was Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, Head of Navy Capability, who was visiting specifically for the purpose. He pointed out that Government had committed to funding Defence to the level of 2% of GDP or \$195 billion over \$10 years.

“The only way this can happen is if Defence, industry, community and State governments work together”, he said.

Base Commander, Captain Brian Delamont, drew attention to the fact that the integration of Base personnel into the local community was particularly high. Thanks to the Rockingham location, he said, home ownership of junior sailors was higher at HMAS Stirling than any other base in Australia.

Prime contractors to Navy, Broadspectrum, and Augility also fielded speakers to inform and connect with potential suppliers present.

Summing up the event, Mayor Barry Samuels said that the breakfast had “provided Defence with an

understanding of the range of suppliers and interested parties within the region”, while Tony Solin, CEO of the Rockingham-Kwinana Chamber of Commerce said that their partnership with AIDN-WA to host the breakfast was an outstanding success, providing good networking opportunities.

“We look forward to working with AIDN-WA to promote Defence throughout our region in the future”, he said.

**Photographs of the event can be view on the following link: <http://aidn-wa.org.au/Image-Gallery>**

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