Purpose built distance education centre on track for completion in July 2016

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Construction is nearing completion of the new $12.9 million, purpose-built facility for the Northern Territory Open Education Centre (NTOEC) on the grounds of Darwin High School.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said the new facility will be completed in July 2016 and forms part of the Bullocky Point education precinct.

“The new facility will provide a contemporary environment for the delivery of distance education with the advantage of close proximity to some of the best education facilities in the Territory,” Mr Chandler said.

“This is a significant investment in distance education by the Country Liberals Government and opens the gate to future expansion into Asian markets.”

The NTOEC is a senior secondary distance education school catering for Years 10-12, providing flexible online study options for students right across the Territory.

“The new facility will continue to provide a high quality education program covering the full Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training curriculum as well as offering vocational education and training to Territory students.

“Our remote and regional students are able to access the best education that the Territory has to offer and benefit from programs that assist with building a job ready generation.”

Local Territory company, Probuild won the contract to construct the new NTOEC and has an average of 40 workers on site each day, 22 of whom are Indigenous.

“It is fantastic to see a local company creating jobs for Territorians, with a high rate of Indigenous employees on site,” Mr Chandler said.

“It’s projects like this that boost our local economy and provide opportunities for Territory businesses to be part of the Northern Territory Government’s investment in high quality education facilities.”

The INPEX-led Ichthys LNG project has provided a significant capital contribution of $3 million to construct the NTOEC as part of its ongoing commitment to delivering benefits to the local community.

A further $300,000 from the Ichthys project will support skills training delivered by the NTOEC in remote communities.

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