



# Regional Development Australia Fund—Round Three Project Fact Sheet

## Kimberley Group Training Skills Centre

The construction of a Training Skills Centre in the Weaber Plain industrial estate of Kununurra will pave the way for an innovative and culturally appropriate service combining industry-focused acquisition of knowledge with individualised literacy and numeracy tuition. Graduates of the centre will be ready for apprenticeships, traineeships or direct employment opportunities. The Skills Centre will house dedicated learning spaces including two large training rooms and two large industry skills training areas with associated equipment and machinery.

### Supporting the local community

The Kimberley region has a very high proportion of Indigenous population, as well as high levels of unemployment and disengagement from society. Kimberley Group Training Inc (KGT) has developed an assessment method that allows it to identify candidates with the capacity to achieve but who are held back by chronically low English literacy and numeracy levels. It then incorporates work to address those issues into training for the industry which the candidate is interested in.

**Project location**  
Kununurra, WA

**Project proponent**  
Kimberley Group Training Inc  
[www.kgt.org.au](http://www.kgt.org.au)

**Project completion**  
1 February 2014

This unique approach will give graduates the skills to move into a traineeship or apprenticeship that would otherwise not be available to them. As a result, it is anticipated that the program will more broadly contribute to the mitigation of the social issues present in the region.

### Supporting the local economy

Given the high demand for labour in the region, and that many talented people in regional communities are excluded from employment only by their lack of literacy and numeracy skills, the program is expected to make a significant contribution to the Kimberley Region's economic efficiency. Currently, KGT cannot fill demand for trainees and apprentices, and the projected growth in the area will add to the need for centre graduates. In addition, the success of the centre will cut costs in the mining and other sectors by reducing their reliance on very expensive 'fly-in fly-out' workers.

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\$500,000	\$1,966,043	\$2,466,043

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