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[Music] [Applause] [Music] Kaya and welcome to this very important event for our Aboriginal businesses

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play a crucial role in the economy so today we're going to hear from a number of speakers about the

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upcoming opportunities in the defence sector, this event aims to enhance the participation of the First

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Nation businesses in the defence industry while increasing your awareness of available support

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services we contributed to the Indigenous economy \$16.1 billion to the economy, we paid \$4.2 billion

0:00:47.280,0:00:51.760 in wages whether it's through defence whether it's through infrastructure projects whether

0:00:51.760,0:00:58.080 it's to corporate mining agriculture their money stays over here sometimes Indigenous businesses

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we deal with also have limited networks and

being able to get into the defence sector is

0:01:02.240,0:01:05.920 going to be difficult, but like events like today are fantastic to be able to get people in the

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room and start talking about this subject it's extraordinary to see how close everybody is in

0:01:11.280,0:01:16.000 the defence area and for this kind of community networking events like this it's extraordinary

0:01:16.000,0:01:21.680 it's wonderful to see and that alone will give you a huge boost right now I've got 250 different

0:01:21.680,0:01:28.000 capabilities defence primes are looking for there are things that a business can do to enhance their

0:01:28.000,0:01:33.360 competitiveness it's really good to have a strategic plan having links with an industry

0:01:33.360,0:01:39.360 association there's a Henderson Alliance and there's AIDN having ISO quality management

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systems accreditation is a good thing it always gives you a competitive advantage having DISP now

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DISP is the defence industry security program and essentially this is the framework that companies

0:01:50.880,0:01:56.000 have to meet from a security rigour point of view which then ensures that the defence or other

0:01:56.000,0:02:00.720 government agencies you can actually supply and support their contracts around the security

0:02:00.720,0:02:06.720 and protection side this event is important because it gives Aboriginal businesses and

0:02:06.720,0:02:12.880 First Nations people have the chance to network into defence I think it's really great to see so many

0:02:12.880,0:02:18.160 First Nations businesses here uh being able to talk about their capabilities and capacity so

0:02:18.160,0:02:23.200 much happening or going to happen over the next 5 to 6 years and I think it's important that

0:02:23.200,0:02:28.480 organisations get together, particularly aboriginal organisations because we have a lot to offer we need to

0:02:28.480,0:02:34.960 look for about 500 businesses to build the defence supply chain and the Indigenous business community

0:02:34.960,0:02:39.920 is a big part of that it's just a really great opportunity for businesses to connect especially

0:02:39.920,0:02:44.400 to discuss all things with Indigenous engagement having a day like today where there are so many

0:02:44.400,0:02:48.720 businesses working together in this area is really exciting to see we're here together

0:02:48.720,0:02:54.400 as a community moving forward into making this place a better place for the generations to come

0:02:54.400,0:02:58.960 may we continue as first and second peoples to listen to one another not only with our 0:02:58.960,0:03:05.369 ears but with our hearts not only for a better journey for today but also for tomorrow [Music]

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