



New South Wales Government

The Hon Steve Whan MP
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QUEANBEYAN ENTERPRISE CENTRE INC GETS GREEN LIGHT TO RUN SOUTHERN TABLELANDS BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICE

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The Queanbeyan Enterprise Centre Inc. has been offered a contract to run the Southern Tablelands Business Advisory Service until 2012, the NSW Minister for Small Business Steve Whan said today.

“The Southern Tablelands Business Advisory Service is one of 14 Business Advisory Services across NSW which will provide this important service to small business owners and operators. The new contracts begin on October 1 2009,” Mr Whan said.

“The contract, which was won through a competitive tender, builds on a successful NSW Government program which provides information, training and guidance to aspiring, early stage, and even experienced business owners.

“The tender process was managed by Industry & Investment NSW and the Department of Commerce.

“Tender applications underwent a rigorous assessment process with successful contractors now ready to provide improved services to current small businesses and those starting up,” he said.

Mr Whan said the Business Advisory Service works with NSW businesses to encourage successful start-ups, enhance the competitiveness and profitability of existing NSW businesses, and increase their capacity to expand and generate new jobs.

“New technology provides additional ways for business people to access small business information. For example, the number of people using the internet has grown very quickly.

“In addition to the expansion of the Business Advisory Service, the NSW Government’s redesigned smallbiz website at www.smallbiz.nsw.gov.au will satisfy the requirements of small business owners and operators who need instant, reliable assistance,” he said.

Minister Whan will officially launch the new interactive small business information and training tool as part of Small Business September ‘09.