

DARWIN WINS HOSTING PRIVILEGE FOR 2013 MEA CONVENTION

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The highlight for the Darwin contingent at last week's MEA conference was its success in winning the bid to host the prestigious 2013 National Conference of the peak national industry body, Meetings and Events Australia (MEA).

Malu Barrios, General Manager of the Darwin Convention Centre said the MEA win was a considerable achievement for Darwin which previously hosted the event in 1997, but is a truly memorable "first" for the Darwin Convention Centre and will make an exciting highlight in what will be the Centre's fifth year.

"The event will not only bring an estimated 600 delegates to Darwin but will also provide the ideal opportunity to focus the attention of the industry and its media on the scope and flexibility of Darwin as a unique business events destination.

"This is undoubtedly the most experienced and relevant audience of industry professionals for many of whom, a visit to Darwin could well be a first-time experience," said Ms Barrios.

Ms Barrios said the winning bid reflected the close professional relationship between the Centre, and the Northern Territory Convention Bureau and the importance that the local industry gives business events.



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