

SKA news for Australian Industry: 18 December 07

1. New ASKAP Antenna Brief Now Available

The ASKAP Antennas Requirements specification is now available, outlining the desired design and performance criteria for the ASKAP antennas. A copy is attached to this email. This brief is freely available and is being circulated to all parties who have expressed interest in ASKAP.

The brief and further information can be found at

<http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/antennas.html>

Please note that the release of this brief does not constitute an invitation to Tender: It is our intent to publish an open tender (RFT) for a Design & Build contract for the ASKAP antennas on AusTender in the near future: The date will be announced in due course.

2. Latest "auSKA" News

The latest auSKA newsletter (no.16) is now available from <http://www.atnf.csiro.au/news/auska-newsletter/> or www.ska.gov.au

This issue includes articles on

- Australian school students use Parkes Telescope remotely
- Update on ASKAP testbed at Parkes
- Science with ASKAP and the Transient Sky
- ASKAP-related electronics project wins EDN Innovation Award
- Raman Research Institute, India, joins MWA consortium
- MRO proposed accommodation upgrade
- Australia to host second International SKA Forum

3. Announcement – WA meetings:

DEEP SURVEYS OF THE RADIO UNIVERSE WITH SKA PATHFINDERS

2008 March 31 to April 4, University of Western Australia, Perth
<http://ska2008.ivec.org>

The conference will be held at the University of Western Australia by the banks of the beautiful Swan River in Perth, Australia, just 15mins from the CBD. Registration is now open. The early registration deadline is 8 February 2008. See the conference web site

4. ASKAIC Briefing 22 October 2007 – presentations now on the web

The presentations from the last Aus Industry briefing day are now on the web – please see

<http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/>