

## **SKA news for Australian industry: 10 May 07**

### **1. Significant funding boost - 2007 Budget announcement – the Australian SKA Pathfinder**

CSIRO ATNF has been awarded AU\$ 51.7 M in new federal funding towards the further development of the Australian SKA pathfinder. There is also additional funding of \$5M directly to DEST for their participation and engagement with the international SKA project.

These funds are in addition to the AU\$49 million for Australian SKA activities announced by the Australian government a few months ago.

More information can be found at [www.atnf.csiro.au/news/ASKAP\\_ATNF.pdf](http://www.atnf.csiro.au/news/ASKAP_ATNF.pdf)

### **2. Australian SKA Planning office – latest Newsletter**

The latest edition of the ASPO newsletter (#11) is now available and can be downloaded from [www.atnf.csiro.au/news/aspo-newsletter](http://www.atnf.csiro.au/news/aspo-newsletter)

Highlights of this issue include:-

- \* Introduction to MIRANdA
- \* Reports from the recent FPA Workshop and Science with MIRA Meeting
- \* News from our Canadian, NZ and US partners

### **3. Focal Plane Array workshop – March 2007**

Following a very successful workshop at Marsfield, all presentations are now on the web at

<http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/ska/fpa.html>

### **4. Next Australian Industry cluster briefing event – Melbourne 17 May 2007**

The Inaugural Victorian meeting of the Australian SKA Industry Cluster will be held in Melbourne, Thursday 17 May (2-4.30pm).

Please contact Lyn Gibson at GIC, on Ph 07 3831 1636 or [lgibson@globalinnovation.com.au](mailto:lgibson@globalinnovation.com.au) for a full invitation and agenda. Please ensure you register for the event.

### **5. SKA Technologies roadmap**

The SKA Technologies roadmap – a review of Australian SKA-related R&D and industry opportunities has been prepared and will be 'launched' at the Melbourne event on 17 May 2007.

After the launch, this document will be available from the MIRA project website [www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/MIRA](http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/MIRA)

### **6. Australian SKA Industry capability statement**

Copies of the Australian SKA industry capability statement can be downloaded from <http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/ska/industry.html>

You can also find the template to submit new entries for the next edition of this capability statement.

### **7. MIRANdA Antenna specification**

Given the degree of interest in the antenna specification for MIRANdA we have posted a project brief at

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

(see link at bottom of the page). This document sets out the design criteria and options for the MIRANdA antennas and we welcome feedback on potential designers/suppliers on the issues raised.

*You are receiving this email as you have previously expressed interest in industry-related SKA news and updates. If you wish to be removed from subsequent mailings please let me know.*

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