

# **SKA news for Australian Industry: 8 December 08**

## **1. Computing 'Single Digital Backend' – information now available**

We have updated the ASKAP Computing web page to include an overview of the Single Digital Backend system development – please see

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

We intend to publish a Call for Expressions of Interest in collaborating with ASKAP to develop a Single Digital Backend during Q1 2009: Please note that further announcements will be made via this 'SKA industry news' email list. The EOI will be posted on AusTender.

## **2. Data Transport – ASKAP requirements**

A draft of an IEEE conference paper describing ASKAP's photonic requirements by Ron Beresford is now available at [http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/data\\_transport.html](http://www.atnf.csiro.au/projects/askap/data_transport.html)

This gives an overview of the system requirements for the data transport systems. We are very grateful to those companies who have lent systems which we've been testing in our labs. Any other companies with suitable devices which they are prepared to loan to the ASKAP project for testing and evaluation are invited to contact us now.

## **3. ASKAP Public Works Committee recommendation to Parliament approved: 3 December 2008**

We are very pleased to report that the House of Representatives Public Works Committee approved the development of ASKAP on 3 December 2008.

## **4. December auska Newsletter**

The latest *auska* newsletter is now available at <http://www.atnf.csiro.au/news/auska-newsletter>

It can be downloaded as a pdf or accessed directly online. Articles include -

- Launch of the Opportunities for Industry Register and ASKAIC CEOs' Dinner
- An update on the MWA project
- NASA award to ASKAP scientist
- and a range of short articles on Regional WA news and outreach activities.

## **5. Industry Opportunities Update: Fibre Optic procurements for MRO**

The Industry Opportunities Register will shortly be updated online to reflect any revisions to the project timeline.

We can advise however, that the Fibre Optic-related procurements (RFTs on AusTender) are now planned for release during Q1 2009.