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GAMES BONANZA FOR VICTORIAN BUSINESSES

Victorian businesses are poised to share in nearly \$2 billion of economic activity associated with the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

The Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Justin Madden, highlighted the benefits of the Industry Participation Program during a visit to Camatic Seating in Wantirna South today.

Camatic Seating has won a slice of the Games-generated benefits by winning the contract to manufacture the seats currently being installed at the MCG for this year's Grand Final.

"The Bracks Government is committed to maximising the economic impact of the Games for Victoria," Mr Madden said.

"We want Victorian businesses to get the lion's share of the estimated \$2 billion in economic activity that will be generated by the Games."

The Industry Participation Program will be delivered by the Victorian Government in partnership with the games authority, Melbourne 2006, and the Industry Capability Network (ICN). The program seeks to maximise opportunities for Victorian companies to participate in the supply of goods and services to the Games.

After Grocon won the tender to build the MCG, the Government arranged for ICN to work with Grocon in its assessing of tenders to supply elements of the project and identifying suppliers within Victoria.

"We already know the Games will be a tremendous success and this program will help to ensure Victorian industry and business win a share of that success," Mr Madden said.

ICN will provide ongoing support to Victorian industry and businesses as they seek to gain contracts for the supply of goods and services for the Games.

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