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OGS boosts Indigenous opportunities with IPSA partnership

PERTH-based consultancy services provider OGS Group has partnered with Indigenous Project Services Australia (IPSA) to boost employment and career development opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

OGS Group's Indigenous Employment Plan will also provide technical support and knowledge transfer via a structured mentor program.

IPSA is an indigenous-owned project delivery organisation, headquartered in Perth with national coverage.

OGS Group Chief Executive Jason Antunovich said the long-term goal of the partnership with IPSA was to increase the number of indigenous staff in more challenging and technical roles, particularly in remote locations.

"We recognise the inequality and disadvantages encountered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people every day, particularly when it comes to health, employment and education," Mr Antunovich said.

"We want to create real opportunities for Indigenous community members by encouraging and enabling them to enter the workforce – both for first-time jobseekers and those enhancing their career prospects.

"Our plan focuses on 'one family at a time', which we believe will allow us to effect real change. By adopting this strategy, we believe we can not only help communities but also help grow and diversify our team.

"The partnership with IPSA is essential to the long-term success of our mission."

IPSA has built relationships with businesses in numerous fields, including design, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning and project management to deliver optimal outcomes to Indigenous workers and their families.

IPSA owner and director Wayne Hills said OGS and IPSA shared the goal of providing sustainable growth and development opportunities for Indigenous Australians and offering valuable new resourcing to Australian business.

"The use of culturally appropriate interview styles and techniques allows candidates to be selected based on their attitudes and ability rather than prior experience or formal qualifications," Mr Hills said.

"Ongoing skills training, support and mentoring, including after-hours support, as well as an employer sponsored fund, helps to ensure long-term success.

"Ultimately, our shared goal is to see Indigenous OGS employees and their children able to undertake apprenticeships and attend technical colleges and universities."

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