

Fortuna program maps out new jobs

THE Army Topographic Support Establishment based at Fortuna will increase its workforce by 15 to 150 after a multi-million dollar computer mapping project gets underway.

General manager Brian McLachlan yesterday said the \$8 million to \$10 million project, called Parare, would help the organisation become the leading defence mapping organisation within Australia and a number of other countries.

He said it would help ATSE employ an extra 15 people to its current workforce of 135.

"There has been significant change in hardware over the years and we have not been able to keep pace with that," Mr McLachlan said.

"The equipment we have been using for a number of years has become outdated.

"The new system will help us make a lot of digital defence data which could be distributed around Australia."

Tenders for the project close on Monday.