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Fund for women in mining

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WOMEN forging career paths in the blokey industries of mining, oil and gas, are about to receive some extra support.

The Federal Government will today commit \$440,000 to extend an e-mentoring program, designed to partner up women working in the male-dominated resources industries, often on remote locations like oil rigs, with corporate mentors working in other states and on other projects.

The program, created by the Australian Women in Resources Alliance and the Australian Mines and Metal's Association, seeks to encourage more women to pursue careers in mining, oil and gas.

Women make up just 15 per cent of the mining industry workforce, which compares dismally to 46 per cent across other industries.