

RHEINMETALL DEFENCE AUSTRALIA

Rheinmetall has offered the LYNX KF41 Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) as a Mounted Close Combat solution for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through the Land 400 Phase 3 program. The Lynx is a state-of-the-art infantry fighting vehicle offering a next generation Mounted Close Combat capability to the ADF.

The LYNX IFV is highly adaptable and technically advanced infantry fighting vehicle system, offering modularity across the required Land 400 Phase 3 roles with Lynx variants and high commonality with the BOXER CRV system being delivered under Land 400 Phase 2. Rheinmetall seeks to maximise opportunities for competitive Australian Industry to participate, principally through the development and maintenance of technical skills and knowledge. This approach will enable that AIC is integrated across the entire program and will promote an enduring sovereign defence industry capability that will locally produce combat vehicles of exceptional quality.



Rheinmetall is actively working alongside Australian companies at various stages of engagement process that involves:

- Identification of the best possible suppliers;
- Confirming the master data for work packages;
- Releasing Requests for Information and Quotation;
- Conducting evaluations (including supplier visits and audits),
- Signing contracts; and
- Executing development and production programs.

Rheinmetall employs a strategy of regular engagement with industry partners and the Australian small and medium enterprise (SME) community. The scope of the engagement activity is broad and encompasses everything from large scale industry roadshow events to the support of discreet activity coordinated through defence industry peak bodies or government agencies. This strategy is key in establishing a viable and capable defence industry network for our domestic and export business.



Success with our programs will be predicated on the ability to call upon a dynamic, diverse and flexible supplier base. Rheinmetall is committed to the creation of an enduring Australian military vehicle ecosystem, expert in the manufacture of low volume, high quality, high end, world renowned componentry.

Our approach is underpinned by firstly technology transfer; transferring technology, know-how and capability from Germany to Australia. The establishment of sustainable technology and product development programs through industry partnerships will build on this further; opening a pathway for Australian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs to develop new Intellectual Property that will be retained in Australia and endure for years to come.

To date, more than 1000 SMEs around Australia and New Zealand have been engaged following previous successful Australian program campaigns. An expansion of this industry network will be essential to meet the requisite capability requirements of LAND 400 Phase 3 .Rheinmetall will grow the existing supplier network and develop new industry partnerships that will be critical to the successful delivery of the LYNX IFV program.

Rheinmetall will continue to conduct a high tempo of industry engagement across the country in 2020, commencing with the Land 400 Phase 3 RMA roadshows in March and April.

For further information on the LYNX IFV including how to register interest in the program, please use the following link:

<https://lynxifv.com.au/>

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