Maximising Opportunities for Local Industry

The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative is about investing, building and training. It will provide Australian troops with better training opportunities and strengthen Australia’s relationship with Singapore, an important Defence partner. As host to this Initiative, the local communities of Central and North Queensland will benefit from economic opportunities that arise as the training areas are enhanced and as Singapore’s training activities increase.

Maximising Opportunities for Local Industry
Around $2 billion will be invested in the Central and North Queensland regions over the life of the Initiative. Consistent with the Initiative’s Memorandum of Understanding, the Australian and Singapore Governments are committed to helping local businesses harness the opportunities associated with the Initiative.

Defence has a strong track record when it comes to local industry participation and both the Central and North Queensland communities have a long history of providing support to Defence. Singapore, too, has a long-standing presence in Central Queensland. For more than 26 years, the Singapore Armed Forces have worked with the Central Queensland community to support its training activities, including for exercises such as Exercise Wallaby.

Defence will be engaging with local businesses and industry over the coming months, to build awareness of potential opportunities and establish the necessary linkages to allow these opportunities to be realised. For information on upcoming events, contact the local Defence staff and join our mailing list online via the website.
Business and Community Engagement

The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative has established a Business and Community Liaison and an office in Townsville to lead local engagement across Central and North Queensland on behalf of Defence. This dedicated presence works to keep community leaders and local elected representatives informed. Representatives also work with Singapore counterparts to help facilitate opportunities for industry and the Singapore Armed Forces to work together and support this important Initiative for Singapore and Australia.

Construction Opportunities

Potential construction works under the Initiative include:
- Range control and exercise briefing facilities
- Camp accommodation, including all engineering services
- Urban operations and field training live fire facilities including targetry systems
- Information and Communications Technology infrastructure
- Bulk logistics storage facilities
- Medical facilities
- Vehicle storage, maintenance and wash facilities
- Field toilets and waste management facilities
- Sealed and unsealed training area roads, fire trails, vehicle parking hardstands
- Stormwater drainage infrastructure
- Piers and jetties
- Airfield and drop zones
- Fences and signage

Logistics Support Opportunities

Opportunities to support the Singapore Armed Forces’ procurement of services and the management of stores, equipment and spare parts may include:

Maintenance Support
- Repair and maintenance of vehicles, equipment and components
- Shipment of direct exchange components to Singapore for repair
- Management of stores in Central and North Queensland
- Supply and management of petrol, oil and lubricants

Administrative Support
- Warehousing
- Camp management, administration and catering support
- Washing of vehicles and stores
- Setting up and dismantling of tents and electrical equipment
- Camp hygiene and camp maintenance
- Provision of canteen services
- Waste management and rubbish disposal
- Laundry services
- Portable toilets
- Casual labour

Transportation Support
- Port operations
- Transportation of vehicles and equipment between ports and various training areas
- Aeromedical and ambulance services with drivers
- Vehicle transporters with drivers
- Fuel tankers with drivers
- Potable Water tankers with drivers

Arrangements to provide logistics support to the Singapore Armed Forces will be subject to Singaporean procurement processes.

Tourism and Cultural Opportunities

Potential opportunities to showcase Central and North Queensland regions. For example:
- Singapore Armed Forces personnel generally take up to two days recreational leave at the end of each rotation, enabling them to spend time in these communities.
- The increased number of Singapore Armed Forces personnel on leave is expected to result in increased demand for local experiences, retail goods and local services such as accommodation, food, tourist attractions and transport.

Please note all opportunities listed are indicative at this early stage of the Initiative and subject to change as planning progresses.

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