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Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Planning to work for a foreign military or government?

The Defence Amendment (Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets) Act 2024, is designed to strengthen Australia's security by preventing individuals from disclosing or exploiting classified military or related information. Do you or your company deliver services that benefit a foreign military or government?

Find out if SAMS applies to you at defence.gov.au/sams

Defence







New Release Now Live **Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)**

The latest update to the Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) is now available.

This release brings key enhancements aimed at improving functionality in the tool as well as the overall user experience.

Designed to support SMEs, the DBRT helps businesses assess and test their 'Defence preparedness' and capabilities prior to entering the Defence supply chain.

Is your business Defence ready?



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Memberships

Subcontractor opportunities

Are you a subcontractor and looking to work on Defence projects and programs?

Whether you're an SME or an established supplier, finding the right contracts can be challenging.

Most Defence contracts provide reasonable levels of subcontractor engagement and many major Defence contractors are seeking Australian suppliers.

Information on how to connect with prime contractors is listed on our Subcontractor Opportunities webpage.



Defence Industry Security Program

DISP Membership

Is your business a Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) member?

DISP members need to complete an **Annual Security Report** (ASR) as a requirement of DISP membership.

The lodgement date is within 10 working days of your DISP membership date



Avalon Airshow 2025 Pitch your capability at the Defence Global Supply Chain Briefing

Australian SMEs are invited to attend the GSC Pitch to the Primes briefing during Avalon Airshow 2025.

Attendees are advised to come prepared with a short elevator pitch and research into the relevance of their capability to each Prime. The 'Capabilities Sought' posters will provide guidance on Primes' areas of interest. During the event, attendees will also hear about how Primes assist Australian SMEs under the GSC program.

Meet ODIS at Avalon 2025

Avalon International Airshow is just around the corner and we'll be there!

As the premier aerospace and defence event in the Southern Hemisphere, Avalon is the perfect place to connect, explore opportunities, and discuss how we can work together on future projects.

Why meet the Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS)?

- **Discover new opportunities:** Learn how we support businesses in the aerospace and defence industries.
- **Explore partnerships:** Whether you're an SME or an industry leader, let's discuss collaboration.
- Stay ahead of the industry: Get insights into upcoming projects, procurement trends, and supply chain opportunities.
- Where to find us: Department of Defence booth
- Dates: 25-28 March 2025

Let's discuss how we can help your business soar. Schedule a meeting with a Defence Industry Advisor at Avalon today! OBDIS Office of Defence Industry Support



REQUEST A MEETING



DETO ADF transition to clean energy

The Defence Energy Transition Office (DETO) helps Defence switch to low-carbon energy while finding ways to use less energy and improve efficiency.

Australia has plenty of affordable resources, creating a strong opportunity to build a local renewable fuel industry. This industry is key to Defence's long-term energy plans.

DETO wants to work with local industries that:

- have skills that can be used in the Defence supply chain
- can support a safe, reliable, and effective shift to advanced energy solutions.

CONTACT DETO

Round 17 now open

Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) Grants

CRC-P Grants support short-term collaborations between industry, researchers and community. The research must:

- be commercially-driven R&D
- support government priorities.

Note: the grant is only open to eligible Australian SMEs. CRC-P Round 17 will close at 5pm AEDT on 20 March 2025.

Micro-Credentials Course Fundamentals of Command and Control

Defence Trailblazer is running their latest micro-credentials course: Fundamentals of Command and Control. The CSE course is aimed at Defence professionals seeking to upskill or engineers looking to transfer into defence industry.

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Virtual + 3 days at University of Adelaide (8–10 April 2025)

The course fee is \$3200, however discounts may be available for DTB industry partners.

Applications close 17 March 2025. Limited spaces available.

Applications now open CSIRO's Innovate to Grow: Queensland

CSIRO's Innovate to Grow is a free 8-week online program helping SMEs **convert ideas into real R&D opportunities**. Eligible businesses gain expert guidance, industry insights, and the tools to take their innovation further.

Applications close Sunday

This cohort of Innovate to Grow is being run as part of the *Regional University Industry Collaboration* (RUIC) program. The RUIC program is funded by the QLD Government and delivered by CSIRO.



Business grants Industry Growth Program

This program helps Australian SMEs scale by providing expert **advisory services** and **access to grants**. Businesses can receive tailored advice on commercialisation, growth strategies and funding options.

Eligible businesses may apply for grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million.

To be eligible, businesses must be:

- producing innovative products or services aimed at commercial growth
- significantly raising manufacturing capability in an area outlined by the <u>National Reconstruction Fund</u>.

Team Defence Australia Events Calendar

The premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

MSPO

Location:Kielce, PolandDate:2-5 SeptemberDomain:Tri ServiceEOI:19 May–1 June

Location:London, EnglandDate:9-12 SeptemberDomain:Tri ServiceEOI:19 May-8 June

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