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Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

June 2025 Edition

What's featuring Inside this edition

- ▶ Defence and Industry grants
- ▶ Defence Policy Guidance
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ACCC

New resources for small business owners

The ACCC has launched a new small business web page. It brings together key information, tools and guidance to help you understand your rights and responsibilities when dealing with customers, competitors and suppliers.

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Safeguarding Australia's
Military Secrets

Planning to work for a foreign military or government?

Are you or your company delivering services that benefit a foreign military or government? You or your company employees should check if a foreign work authorisation is required.

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**Know your obligations.
Avoid serious consequences.**



Office of Defence Industry Support (WA) Innovation Pitch Day – ODIS Forum Perth at a glance



As part of our ongoing ODIS Forum series, the WA Industry Engagement Team hosted the Innovation Pitch Day event in Perth centring on continuous naval shipbuilding and sustainment (SDIP 2).

Ten ODIS clients were selected based on their capability alignments to SDIP 2 for the opportunity to pitch to the Primes, as well as key Commonwealth representatives from SPOs and Regional Maintenance Centres.

ODIS plans to roll out this concept in other programs, including the Collins Class Life of Type Extension (LOTE).

Do you have an innovative capability relevant to the Collins LOTE program? Interested in joining future pitch days? Contact sam.mckeeon@defence.gov.au for information or connect with us on the **Defence Business Readiness Tool**.

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The Career Network

Defence Industry Internship Program

The Career Network is **seeking expressions of interest** from SMEs for the Commonwealth-funded Defence Industry Internship Program (DIIP).

An initiative of the Department of Defence, DIIP provides third- and fourth-year engineering and technology university students with **direct connections to the defence industry** by facilitating a **12-week paid internship** in small to medium defence industry businesses across Australia. SMEs receive intern wage reimbursements plus an additional \$547 per week per intern.

Host applications are open now, closing on Friday 25 July 2025.
Intern applications open 28 July 2025 and close 31 August 2025.

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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**, and must be:

- Producing innovative products or services aimed at commercial growth.
- Significantly raising manufacturing capability in an area outlined by the **National Reconstruction Fund**.

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Tasmania

Defence Industry Tender Support Program TAS

This program supports **Tasmanian-based advanced manufacturers and technology enterprises** to seek specialist bid and tender writing **consultants to support the preparation of defence tenders**.

There are two tiers of assistance available:

- Procurement value of \$3 million to \$10 million (maximum grant \$15,000)
- Procurement value of over \$10 million (maximum grant \$30,000)

Note: Please check your eligibility for financial assistance from the program.

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Defence Industry Development Grants Program

Applications for Security and Exports Streams closing soon

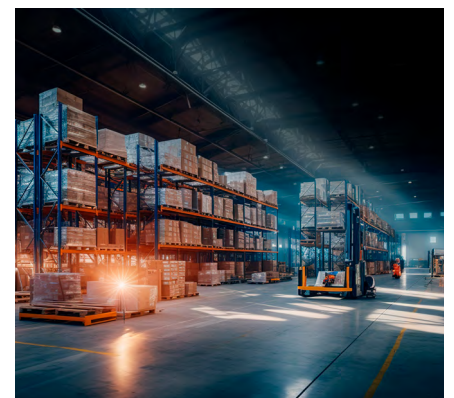
The Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) Program funds Australian SMEs to build Australia's sovereign capability, global competitiveness, technical superiority and national security. Applications are assessed based upon (1) the extent to which the grant project will help the business contribute to one or more of the detailed **Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities**; (2) the business' capacity, capability and resources to deliver the grant project and potential commercial benefits. Applications must be focused on the eligible activities which are listed in section 5.1 and A.2 of the **Grant Opportunity Guidelines**.

Tips before applying:

- Refer to the **DIDG guidance for applicants**.
- **Check if you're ready to apply for a grant**.
- Read the **Grant Opportunity Guidelines**.
- Refer to the grants page for example applications and templates.

Applications for the Security stream and Exports stream will close on Monday 30 June 2025 and Thursday 31 July, respectively.

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Maritime

Defence Seaworthiness Conference 2025

The Defence Seaworthiness Regulator, Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin, invites Defence industry and other parties that contribute to seaworthiness outcomes to join the 2025 Defence Seaworthiness Conference.

Defence is evolving its maritime regulatory system, and the conference will explain:

- how the new system will fit into the broader regulatory landscape
- how it will support changes underway as a result of the National Defence Strategy
- the risks and challenges associated with changing a regulatory system.

Date: Thursday 3 July 2025 **Location:** Adams Auditorium

Attendance is free, in-person in Canberra or online virtual attendance.

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Industry Support Useful resources



AusTender

Search **AusTender** to find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

BenchOn

With one free profile, access opportunities with government agencies and Primes through **BenchOn Industry Portals**. One platform. Many insights.

ICN Gateway

Join **ICN Gateway** and gain access to Australia and New Zealand's largest network of suppliers and projects.

Defence Business Readiness Tool

Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) will help businesses assess their level of defence readiness.

Industry Engagement Update We'd love to hear from you!

Tell us more about your interests so that we can tailor our newsletter content to meet your needs.

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Policy Guidance

Complying with the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy

From 1 July 2025, the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy will expand from construction services procurements to include furniture, fittings and equipment (FFE), as well as ICT goods and textiles.

Suppliers are invited to join a **webinar on 18 June 2025** for guidance on **how to comply with the policy**.

This will include how to complete a Supplier Environmental Sustainability Plan when tendering and what you need to report on when supplying.

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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.

DSEI

Location: London, England
Date: 9-12 September
Domain: Tri Service
EOI: 19 May-8 June

AUSA

Location: Washington DC, USA
Date: 13-15 October
Domain: Land
EOI: 16 June-6 July

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page. Companies must register on ICN in order to submit an EOI.

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