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Industry Announcement 2026 National Defence Strategy and 2026 Integrated Investment Program released

The **2026 National Defence Strategy (NDS)** sets out Australia's plan to strengthen self-reliance, enhance military capabilities, and to protect and defend Australia and our national interests.

The **2026 Integrated Investment Program (IIP)** will support efforts to deliver the 2026 NDS with greater self-reliance, strengthen the resilience of Australia's sovereign defence industrial base and build stronger, more diverse international industrial partnerships and supply chains.

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New 2026 Release **Australian Defence Export Catalogue**

The 10th edition of the **Australian Defence Export Catalogue** (the Catalogue) has been released. A record 365 Australian defence industry businesses are listed, showcasing Australia's export-ready products, services and technologies to international partners.



The **2026 Catalogue** showcases strategically important sovereign capabilities to priority international partners, complementing the work of the Australian Defence Strategic Sales Office, and supporting broader Defence export initiatives, aligned with the 2026 National Defence Strategy and the Defence Industry Development Strategy. The Catalogue provides our international partners with a direct link to engaging with Australian defence industry.

Companies seeking entry may now apply all-year-round. Applications will be assessed at the end of each quarter and those who are successful will be approved for two years and added to the App and online versions straight away, with their approved pages added to the official booklet the following year.

[MEDIA RELEASE](#)



Collaborating for capability

Advancing the Henderson Defence Precinct

The Design Services Consultancy for the Henderson Defence Precinct, Bechtel Infrastructure Australia (Bechtel), is making headway since it was engaged earlier this year.

Site tours are occurring and consultation with relevant stakeholders is ongoing. Defence continues to engage and coordinate with the WA Government to support alignment across multiple WA Projects in the Cockburn Sound area, including the Henderson Defence Precinct.

Input and insights from industry and other stakeholders is crucial and will lay the groundwork for defence industrial depth and long-term national resilience. Bechtel will work collaboratively with an appointed multidisciplinary engineering consultant to translate the outcomes of the Site Characterisation Studies into viable development options for Government consideration, informing the initial precinct masterplan.

The contract for this engineering consultant is expected to be awarded imminently.

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Request for Proposal

Persistent and Pervasive Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance solutions

The Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator (ASCA) has released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDT) program, focusing on Persistent and Pervasive Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (P2ISR) solutions.

Industry and academia are invited to submit proposals addressing key Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) challenge areas. These include advanced communications, beyond classical computing, pervasive sensing, space capabilities, and smart machines.

The EDT program aims to test early-stage ideas and concepts while also fostering deeper, long-term partnerships. Through targeted investment, the program seeks to nurture critical research and development capabilities aligned with Defence's future operational needs.

 RFP closes 1400 AEST 18 May

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What's on in Western Australia

Indian Ocean Defence Summit

The **Indian Ocean Defence & Security Conference and Exhibition (IODS)** is a strategically focused international defence and security event designed to facilitate high-level engagement on shared regional challenges, capability development, and sovereign industry growth.

The three-day program features senior-level conferences and symposia, an international industry exhibition, delegation engagement, B2B networking, industry briefings, site visits, workforce development and careers programs.

Led by Defence West and anchored in Perth, the event reflects Western Australia's central role in shaping Australia's strategic defence framework.

Take the opportunity to engage directly with the **Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) Defence Industry Advisors** throughout the summit. Contact ODIS to schedule a conversation or express your interest.

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Know your obligations

Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

Planning to work for or provide training to a foreign military, foreign government, or foreign government controlled entity?

Check in to see if you require a Foreign Work Authorisation



Industry Event

Defence Digital Engineering Industry Forum 2026

The Department of Defence invites you to join the **Defence Digital Engineering Industry Forum**; a gathering of Defence and Industry leaders, engineering professionals and Technology leaders working together at the intersection of digital innovation and capability uplift.

Hear from Defence Leaders on the progress of Digital Engineering Strategy Implementation, Model Based Engineering and Data Centric Capability Development. Connect with peers from Defence and Industry and explore collaboration opportunities on current and future projects.

Call for abstract submissions


Submit a short abstract for oral presentation aligned with the Defence Digital Engineering Strategy and based only on projects for Australian Defence. Abstracts should outline alignment with strategic goals, use of data, digital models, digital threads, engineering practices, tools, infrastructure and classification environments used. Abstracts are limited to 1000 words.

Only selected presenters will be contacted.

[SUBMIT PRESENTATION](#) 

Event details

 **Thursday 28 May 2026**

 **1300 – 1600 AEST**

 **Virtual or Canberra**

Note: Registration is required to attend.

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Industry Event

Free Air Cargo Symposium



 **19 – 21 May 2026**  **Canberra**

Air Mobility Training and Development Unit (AMTDU) will be holding an in-person three-day Symposium for CASG, contractor and industry engineers to increase awareness of the Defence Aviation Safety Design Requirements Manual (DASDRM) Aerial Delivery Standard, and the objective quality evidence required to demonstrate compliance.

Participants will gain the knowledge required to define air cargo certification requirements, and to develop and assess engineering data required by AMTDU to provide an air cargo load clearance.

Submit an EOI nomination to attend. The Air Mobility Liaison Office will communicate what further information is required.

Note: Registrations are essential and close 8 May 2026.

[SUBMIT EOI NOMINATION](#) 

Training Opportunity

Australian Industry Capability Practitioner Course




The **Australian Industry Capability (AIC) Practitioner course** aims to foster a broad understanding of AIC requirements across Defence and Defence Industry personnel. Bringing together professionals from both sectors, the course seeks to promote knowledge exchange and collaboration, enhancing the implementation of the **AIC Program**.


Participants will gain valuable insights into Defence Industry Policy, including how AIC is implemented and applied through the Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) framework.

The 2 day instructor led course is designed to provide detailed understanding of the AIC Program and equip participants with tools and knowledge to effectively implement and manage AIC components within the procurement and contract management phases.

Upcoming course dates

 **12 – 13 May**

 **Virtual**

 **27 – 28 May**

 **Adelaide**

 **3 – 4 June**

 **Virtual**

 **18 – 19 June**

 **Canberra**

[ADDITIONAL DATES](#) 

Information for DISP Members

ASD Australian Cyber Security Partnership Program

The **Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) Australian Cyber Security Partnership Program** enables Australian organisations, including DISP members, to strengthen cyber resilience through collaboration and shared intelligence. The program enables engagement with the ASD's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) and fellow partners across government, industry, academia and research.

Cyber Security Partners are organisations and institutions with responsibility for securing networks or demonstrated cyber security expertise. This non-commercial community shares insights, technical knowledge and experience to address common threats and improve national cyber security outcomes.

ASD's Business Partnership is available to Australian entities with a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and is suitable for organisations who would like to receive the latest information from the ASD's ACSC, but do not meet the eligibility to register as an ASD Cyber Security Partner. This tier of partnership, helps organisations understand the cyber threat environment and implement protective measures to secure their systems and networks.

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Industry Support Useful resources



AusTender

AusTender is free to use. Use it to find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

[FIND OPPORTUNITIES](#) 

BenchOn

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

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ICN Gateway

ICN Gateway is Australia and New Zealand's largest network of organisations with procurement and supply chain expertise to provide you with specialist support and advice.

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Defence Business Readiness Tool

The Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) will help businesses assess their level of defence readiness. Is your business defence ready?

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ADF and Veterans Event FREE ADF Innovators Webinar

Are you an ADF member or veteran developing an early stage defence or dual use technology or research with real world potential?


Uniformed innovators face unique considerations when navigating innovation pathways, including intellectual property, conflicts of interest, and funding options.

Join the **Defence Trailblazer ADF Innovators Webinar**

for practical insights and real world perspectives to support informed decision making for Defence members throughout the innovation journey.

Event details:

 **Wednesday 13 May 2026**

 **1200 – 1400 AEST**

Note: Registration is required. For ADF and veterans only.

[SUBMIT YOUR EOI](#) 

