
Company details

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Executive summary

The Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) originally acquired the C-17A Capability for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) agreement with the United States Government. Since the acquisition, the key concept for sustainment management of the C-17A Capability has been integration with, and alignment to, the United States Air Force (USAF)-managed C-17A global fleet. The USAF retains overall responsibility for the management of the C-17A, but has outsourced a substantial amount of the engineering, supply chain and maintenance functions required for the global fleet to The Boeing Company via the G3 contract. Support activities in Australia are governed by the FMS agreement and provided by The Boeing Company through the G3 contract, with local field services subcontracted to Boeing Defence Australia (BDA).

In-service sustainment of the C-17A Capability within Australia is the responsibility of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Air Mobility Group (AMG), supported by Capability Acquisition Sustainment Group (CASG) Heavy Air Lift Systems Program Office (HALSPO) and other Defence agencies. Day-to-day management is provided by RAAF AMG, with primary support from RAAF 36 Squadron and HALSPO C-17A Logistic Management Unit (LMU). The HALSPO C-17A LMU is responsible for maintaining necessary FMS agreement support, including those support activities in Australia.

The Commonwealth identified a body of sustainment services relating to the RAAF C-17A Capability that was deemed not core to the FMS agreement (G3) and could be outsourced to local Defence Industry through a Direct Commercial Sale (DCS) contract. Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) was selected to provide such sustainment services through the C-17A Australian Sustainment Services Contract (ASSC).

The following scope of services included in the C-17A ASSC are:

- General Requirements
- Support Services Management
- Integration Support
- Engineering Support
- Maintenance Support
- Supply support
- Support Resources
- Quality Management
- Health, Safety and Environment Management

Although no local industry requirements were initially requested for this program, the Boeing Defence Australia objective is to maximise Australian content where possible through active engagement with Australian Industry. Opportunities for Australian Industry will be identified through significant market research and working directly with organisations such as the Australian Industry Defence Network (AIDN), Supply Nation and Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS). The Contract price, inclusive of the initial five year term in addition to the three year Award Term 1, is approximately AUD\$117M with work being delivered by Australian industry valued at AUD\$115M.

Scope of Future Opportunities

Boeing Defence Australia has identified the following as the possible future opportunities:

- 36SQN C-17A maintenance workforce additional supplement
- C-17A Home Station Check (HSC) management/delivery

Future Opportunities

Boeing Defence Australia will assume responsibility for the core activity under the contract. Boeing Defence Australia is committed to developing Australian Industry Capability in Australia and will continue to look for opportunities to engage Australian industry to progressively join the supply chain as additional work scope is identified that can be satisfied locally or within the region. However, this will be contingent on current export licensing agreements and the ability to add future suppliers.

For expressions of interest for future opportunities specific to this contract, suppliers should contact:

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