

AGT1500 AIC Public Policy

Company Details

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Executive Summary

TAE Aerospace's Turbine Engine Maintenance Facility in Bundamba Queensland provides the Commonwealth of Australia with a locally developed solution to provide total logistical and maintenance support for the Abrams tank engines. It also provides a capability for the current Abrams engine to be overhauled to the new Tiger configuration.

The Commonwealth of Australia has an on-going requirement for the service and repair arrangement of AGT1500 Engines that power the current and future fleet of M1 Abrams Main Battle Tanks (MBT) and Combat Engineering Vehicles.

TAE Aerospace (TAE), as a global aerospace company with a proud history of supporting the Australian Army M1 fleet, has been contracted by the Commonwealth of Australia under the AGT1500 Reset and Support Contract (AVD/CON/26991/1) to deliver this requirement, specifically by carrying out the following:

- Resetting thirty-eight (38) AGT1500 Engines to the TIGER-18 configuration for utilization as spare engines in future fleet.
- Performing Condition Based Overhaul (CBO) on AGT1500 TIGER-18 Engines and Repairable Items (RIs) from future fleet once operational.
- Conducting reactive maintenance on the AGT1500 Engines from the current fleet. Opportunities for Australian Industry for the remaining scope of works will be provided through TAE Aerospace's supply chain management process including source identification and obtaining multiple quotations for the supply of goods and services.

The scope of work includes the provision of maintenance, engineering, and supply support services to achieve the above objectives. This work directly contributes to the following Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities (SICP):

- Land combat and protected vehicles and technology upgrades;
- Aerospace platform deeper maintenance and structural integrity.

The contract number is "AVD/CON/26991/1 – AGT1500 Reset and Support", duration is approximately 3 years with a total price of approximately AUD\$42.5M of which approximately 67% is spent annually in Australian Industry outside of TAE Aerospace and commenced on the 29th of June 2023. Below is a broken-down list of the contracts between TAE Aerospace and the Commonwealth of Australia and their approximate price.



Local Industry Activity	Australian Company Performing the Activity	Location of Work
Repair of repairable parts	Asia Pacific Aerospace Pty Ltd	Pinkenba, QLD
Repair of repairable parts	HTA Global Pty Ltd	Coopers Plains, QLD
Calibration and maintenance services	TR Pty Ltd	Rocklea, QLD
Calibration and maintenance services	ACM Laboratory Pty Ltd	Highett, VIC
Calibration and maintenance services	BVE Pty Ltd	Castle Hill, NSW
Freight and distribution services	Expeditors International Pty Ltd	Banyo, QLD
Freight and distribution services	DHL Global Forwarding Pty Ltd	Hamilton, QLD
Calibration and maintenance services	Bunzel Brans & Operations Pty Ltd	Yatala, QLD

Scope of Future Work Opportunities

A future opportunity for Australian Industry in the supply of consumables such as oils, lubricants, grease, etc. to our facility in Bundamba, Queensland exists.

TAE Aerospace within this contract may also have offers for apprenticeships amongst the following trades:

- Certificate 4 in Aeromechanical.

Future Opportunities Industry Engagement

TAE Aerospace will continue to use the Australian suppliers identified in this plan based upon their experience and knowledge of the relevant system requirements. However, TAE Aerospace will test the market for other suppliers when the scope is outside of these agreements, or these agreements expire.

Where appropriate any such opportunities for supplier engagement will follow standard TAE Aerospace procedure.

TAE Aerospace may conduct requests for bids for a range of products and services. These vary in complexity from simple commercial products to complete systems under major subcontracts. Simple purchases will usually involve a single, one-off request for quotation. More complex requirements may necessitate a staged procurement process, during which the requirement and the market are defined and developed before a supplier is selected.

TAE Aerospace utilises several tools to assist in identifying and evaluating potential suppliers, these include:

- Supplier 360 and Supplier Scorecard tools;
- Supply Nation;
- Australian Industry Defence Network (AIDN);
- Defence Industry Support (ODIS);
- Australian Tenders (www.australiantenders.com.au).



TAE Aerospace is keen for expressions of interest for future Australian industry opportunities in our AGT1500 program. An expression of interest can be addressed to the below point of contact:

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TAE Aerospace will endeavour to respond to all expressions of interest made by Australian industry. To be added to TAE Aerospace's Approved Suppliers list, Australian suppliers will be asked to demonstrate their capabilities through a formal process.

