

Public AIC Plan | C-27J Through Life Support

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Executive Summary

Contract Scope and Australian Industry Capability Intent

Northrop Grumman Australia Pty Limited (NGA), as the Prime Contractor, in collaboration with Leonardo S.p.a, the Approved Subcontractor and aircraft Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), has been providing services under the C-27J Through Life Support Contract (C-27J TLS Contract) since 15 November 2017.

NGA is committed to delivering a robust Australia Industry Capability Program (AICP) under the C-27J TLS Contract. Our approach is designed to harness the extensive capabilities of the NGA enterprise, seeking collaboration opportunities for our Australian industry partners within the defence sector. This initiative extends beyond the C-27J TLS program and platform stewardship by exploring opportunities across other programs with similar requirements.

The AICP outlines a comprehensive strategy tailored to meet the program's contractual requirements, aligned with the operational needs of the customer. As the Prime Contractor for the C-27J TLS Contract, NGA provides platform stewardship and leads a specialised team of service providers. Together with our Approved Subcontractor, our goal is to maximise the utilisation of available Australian industry capabilities.

The current contract circa \$600M is set to conclude in September 2028.

Key Achievements

- Services provided under the C-27J TLS Contract include:
 - Aircraft Maintenance
 - Capability Development
 - Engineering
 - Supply and logistics
 - Quality Management
 - Airworthiness requirements
 - Training
- Program Improvements:
 - Significant improvements in Engineering and Supply services positively impacted 35SQN flight line activities and assisted 35SQN in meeting its operational requirements.

- Inclusion of Maintenance and Training Services into NGA's Pt 145 framework marked a major achievement.
- Achieved Aircraft Availability and Serviceability:
 - The C-27J program has continually improved aircraft availability and serviceability, meeting or exceeding customer requirements.
- Engineering Team Performance:
 - Recruitment of highly skilled engineering staff has improved responsiveness and processing of engineering related activities.

Work Location

Work on the C-27J TLS program was initially delivered at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Richmond, New South Wales. In 2019, part of the program transitioned to the RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland and NGA's Brisbane facilities. This move was in support of and aligned with the relocation of 35SQN from RAAF Base Richmond to RAAF Base Amberley. Work is also carried out at the premises of each supplier/subcontractor or, where appropriate, site-related work specific to the C-27J TLS Contract is undertaken within the nominated RAAF Bases and/or on-site at NGA's Brisbane facilities.

Key Offerings

The scope of the C-27J TLS Contract is to provide program support services, engineering support services, maintenance support services, and supply support services. NGA continues to provide the following key offerings for its Australian workforce:

- NGA provides training and professional development opportunities to all employees, including free access to online learning, tertiary education support, internships etc.
- NGA employs over 150 Australians under the C-27J Program, offering flexible work hours, nine-day fortnights, and remote work opportunities.

NGA is dedicated to bolstering the broader Australian workforce with a diverse array of local suppliers to deliver the services.

Scope of Work Packages

The C-27J Program is aligned with the Sovereign Industrial Capability Principles (SICP), specifically Aerospace Platform Deeper Maintenance. Within this scope, there are numerous opportunities for Australian industry, including the provision of:

- Program Support Services for the C-27J platform, including continuous improvement and efficiency support services, cost analytics and modelling services, environmental surveillance and analysis, health, safety and environment services.
- Engineering Support Services for the C-27J platform, including routine engineering services, capability enhancement support services, engineering investigations, and engineering analysis and system safety engineering support services.
- Maintenance Support Services for the C-27J platform, including repairable item maintenance and on aircraft maintenance activities in support of 35SQN, aircraft paint and livery, incorporation of system upgrade modifications, incorporation of new capability modifications and C-27J aircraft disposal.
- Supply Support Services for the C-27J platform, including product support services, disposal, obsolescence management, and support systems supportability analysis.

Australian industry may encounter specific limitations arising from security protocols, export control regulations, intellectual property limitations or other regulatory frameworks.

Future Opportunities and Industry Engagement

Engagement Process

NGA continues to engage Australian industry through our supplier database, Australian Industry Defence Network (AIDN) and the Industry Capability Network (ICN).

On receipt of Expressions of Interest (Eoi), NGA typically conducts a market-testing and due diligence appraisal and respond to companies appropriately. From time to time suppliers, will be added to and retired from the Approved Suppliers List (ASL) maintained by NGA in accordance with company policy and procedures.

Subcontractor/Supplier agreements are executed in compliance with NGA's corporate purchasing guidelines and Defence requirements, which assures compliance with legislative obligations and ethical standards, company and Defence policy. As necessary, each agreement will include a flow down of clauses from the Prime Contract to assure alignment of subcontractor/supplier effort with the outcomes required by the Commonwealth.

Point of Contact

The C-27J AIC Manager is the primary point of contact for potential Australian industry suppliers and partners wishing to express an interest in future opportunities to work with NGA on the C-27J Sustainment Program.

Suppliers and service providers are requested to send an introductory e-mail to idsGSC@au.ngc.com, marked to the attention of the AIC Manager, with information on their capabilities, credentials, and value proposition.

Endorsement



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