

MQ-4C Triton ISS Contract

Public Australian Industry Capability (AIC) Plan

Company Details

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Executive Summary

Contract Scope and Australian Industry Capability Intent

Northrop Grumman Australia Pty Ltd (NGA) backed by Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC) as the Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), is contracted under the MQ-4C Triton Interim Sustainment Support Contract (ISSC) (CASG/ASD/Con25004/1) to provide in-country maintenance and sustainment support for the new Australian Triton fleet until June 2027.

Triton provides real-time Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) which delivers a sovereign surveillance capability stretching across the Indo-Pacific allowing the Royal Australian Air Force to monitor and protect our maritime interests without operating crews needing to leave native soil.

The total value of MQ-4C Triton ISSC is approximately AUD193M incl GST and the ACE percentage on total contract value is 77.83%.

The Triton program recognises that its successful execution can only be accomplished by maximising the use of Australian industry capabilities and the Contract contains commitments for the development by NGA of an overarching plan, tailored to meet Defence's operational requirements, to leverage the broader capabilities of Northrop Grumman to identify and access collaborative opportunities for Australian industry partners.

Work Location

Work on the Triton program will be delivered at three locations: the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Edinburgh, Adelaide, RAAF Base Tindal in the Northern Territory and NGA facility at Fortitude Valley, Queensland. In the future, work may also be carried out at the premises of each supplier/subcontractor as and where appropriate. Site related work specific to this contract is to be undertaken within the nominated RAAF Bases and/or on-site at any one of our Northrop Grumman Australia facilities.

Key Offerings and Engagement with Australian Industry

NGA estimates that over 100 Australians will be employed under the Triton Program in providing program Support & Management Services, Engineering Support Services, Maintenance Support Services, and Supply Support Services. NGA will continue to invest in this workforce through training and professional development opportunities, tertiary education support, internships and similar support to contribute to sustainable and ongoing delivery of capability.

NGA is implementing a number of specific initiatives to contribute to Australian Industry growth and increase prospects of Australian engagement, including Indigenous engagement. Current initiatives are:

- NGA sponsorship through the Yalari organisation for the provision of a boarding school scholarship in Katherine for an Indigenous student.
- Engineering graduate opportunities in South Australia.
- NGA Triton program are working with Aberfoyle Park and Adelaide High schools in South Australia to promote STEM related employment opportunities within the Defence industry.
- In the Northern Territory NGA is engaging with Defence, Tafe and Katherine High School to initiate CERT II training pathways that would create employment opportunities for local residents (Katherine and the broader Northern Territory) within the Triton enterprise.
- NGA Triton program is also in an informal partnership with Katherine High School offering a 2-year scholarship for students completing years 11 and 12. There are currently 2 students in receipt of the scholarship with another expected to be awarded in January 2027.

Scope of Future Work Opportunities

Noting the contract expiry date of 30 June 2027, NGA will continue to work with the Commonwealth to identify practical growth opportunities for Australian Industry engagement which are achievable within this timeframe.

Some identified potential work scope opportunities include:

- Program Support Services for the Triton platform such as Specialist Management Consulting, Quality Management Services, and Health, Safety & Environment Services.
- Engineering Technical Services.
- Maintenance Support Services for the Triton platform such as:
 - On Aircraft Maintenance Activities in support of No 92 Wing (92WG);
 - Aircraft Paint and Livery;
 - Non-Destructive Test (NDI);
 - Calibration of S&TE;
 - Wheels & Brakes; and
 - Supply of Ready Issue Consumables.

Any Maintenance Support Services are likely to occur in the Southern Australian facilities or onsite at RAAF Base Tindal. NGA continues to work with the Commonwealth to determine the extent of the maintenance support services they are requiring to be delivered locally for the Triton fleet.

- Supply Support Services for the Triton platform such as Warehousing & Inventory Management Services, Process Mapping, Asset Management, Supply System Integration Services, Obsolescence Management, and Analytics & Supportability Analysis.

Industry Engagement

Engagement Process

NGA will continue to engage Australian industry via our processes for inclusion on our Approved Supplier List (ASL), Australian Industry Defence Network (AIDN) and the Industry Capability Network (ICN).

As required NGA will conduct market-testing and due diligence appraisal and respond to companies appropriately. From time to time suppliers are likely to be added to and retired from the Approved Suppliers List (ASL) maintained by NGA in accordance with company policy and procedures.

NGA will continue to ensure that engagement with Australian industry is conducted in accordance with NGA's corporate purchasing guidelines and Defence requirements, which assures compliance with legislative and policy obligations and ethical standards. Any restrictions that apply to engagements with Australian industry relating to security, export control regulations, intellectual property considerations or other regulatory frameworks will be advised by NGA at the time of advertising.

Current key subcontractors supporting the Triton Program are:

Table 1: Triton Program Subcontractors

Subcontractor	Location	Scope of Work to be conducted in Australia	SME	Local Business	Indigenous Enterprise	Veterans
Northrop Grumman International Trading, Inc (NGIT)	RAAF Edinburgh SA RAAF Tindal NT	Engineering personnel to provide training of NGA Maintenance Personnel and System Administrators and reachback engineering.	No	No	No	N/A
L3 Harris Communications (Australia) Pty Ltd	RAAF Edinburgh SA RAAF Tindal NT	Subcontractor engaged to provide Communications Technicians support.	No	Yes	No	Yes
Airbus Australia Pacific Limited	RAAF Edinburgh SA	Delivery of CAMM2 services.	No	Yes	No	Yes
Logistics Engineering Services	RAAF Edinburgh SA	Maintenance Requirements Determination.	No	Yes	No	No
Airflite Pty Ltd ATF Airflite Unit Trust	RAAF Tindal NT	Provision of Wheels & Tyres scope	No	Yes	No	No
Frazer-Nash Australia Pty Ltd	RAAF Edinburgh SA	FISRPO LOGENG Engineering Support	No	Yes	No	No

Point of Contact

The MQ-4C Triton 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 Triton Program.

Suppliers and service providers are requested to send an introductory e-mail to nga.supplychain@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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