



CENTRE for DEFENCE INDUSTRY CAPABILITY

Support. Advise. Grow.

The front door for Defence Industry and Innovation.

The Centre for Defence Industry Capability (CDIC) is designed to help you work with Defence and connect you with market opportunities to grow your business and ideas. If you are new to working with Defence, or have a question about our programs, our expert business advisers are on hand to help.

Combining knowledge and networks

The CDIC brings together the strategic guidance of Defence, the program delivery expertise of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, and the skills and commitment of private industry.

Together we:

- ▶ provide strategic leadership for the defence sector, driving the capability and capacity of Australian industry to support Defence
- ▶ facilitate innovation, business competitiveness and exports
- ▶ fund new industry development, critical skilling and supply chain development and improvement programs
- ▶ facilitate access to Defence's new innovation programs for small to medium enterprises
- ▶ deliver new advisory services to guide and mentor Australian industry to improve competitiveness and capitalise on potential.

Specialist advisory and facilitation services

The CDIC has a nationwide team of advisers who are specialists in linking industry and Defence, providing tailored advice, support, information and guidance on doing business in the defence market. These specialists focus on: providing Defence-specific business improvement activities to help small to medium enterprises become globally competitive and take advantage of growth opportunities; facilitating extension of networks and improving access to domestic defence supply chains and global supply chain opportunities; and increasing innovation. The CDIC headquarters fosters defence industry innovation across Australia, while the regional presence provides flexibility for businesses to engage with the CDIC locally.

Your business adviser

Your business adviser will work with you to tailor the support and assistance provided to your needs and aligned to Defence's industrial priorities. Being delivered through Department of Industry, Innovation and Science means that, as part of your tailored engagement, Business Advisers are able to leverage and coordinate the whole-of-government support available for the benefit of your business. Our team of advisers will be able to provide expert advice in the following areas:

- ▶ business improvement
- ▶ skills development
- ▶ export and supply chains
- ▶ the Supplier Continuous Improvement Program
- ▶ Defence innovation proposal facilitation
- ▶ Defence market preparedness.

Focus areas

To achieve its mandate of working with industry and Defence to build a world class, globally competitive Australian industry as a Fundamental Input to Defence Capability, the CDIC delivers initiatives within three key areas of focus:

Industry development

The CDIC provides support and funding through procurement processes for defence sector-wide initiatives that develop defence industry skills and solve defence industry issues.

Facilitating innovation

The CDIC's Innovation Portal connects defence industry, academia and research organisations with Defence innovation supply opportunities. Specialist business and innovation advisers will work with defence businesses and organisations to tap into new funding opportunities for developing innovative defence capability solutions.

Defence business competitiveness and exports

The CDIC's specialist advisers provide tailored business advice to assist defence sector small to medium sized enterprises improve their productivity and global competitiveness in areas identified as Defence industrial priorities. These services may lead to grant funding to assist with implementing recommendations also aligned with Defence priorities. Defence's priorities are published on business.gov.au/cdic. This focus area also incorporates export initiatives Team Defence Australia and the Defence Global Supply Chain program.

Steering the CDIC's activities

Strong partnerships between Defence and state and territory governments are integral to supporting and growing Australia's defence industry. The CDIC will adopt a more coordinated and collaborative approach with state and territory governments.

The CDIC Advisory Board brings together Australian defence industry leaders with senior public sector representatives to:

- ▶ provide recommendations on defence industrial capability and development projects which build the capability and capacity of Australian industry to support Defence requirements
- ▶ consider current defence skilling programs and make recommendations on the future structure and delivery model
- ▶ evaluate outcomes to ensure CDIC activities align with Defence's strategic priorities and deliver on their intent
- ▶ provide advice to government on the development of sustainable defence industrial capability in line with Australia's defence priorities.

