



defence support industry development strategy

The Northern Territory Government and the Australian Industry and Defence Network NT (AIDN-NT) are co-sponsoring the preparation of a Defence Support Industry Development Strategy.

The aim is for the Defence Support Industry Development Strategy to provide a framework that identifies and pursues industry development priorities.

Consultative forums were held in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs between 23 to 26 April to engage local defence support industry representatives to help identify the issues the strategy should address. One on one consultations with Northern Territory and interstate Defence and industry stakeholders have also taken place.

This is the first occasion the Northern Territory Government and AIDN-NT have collaborated to define

the strategic industry development priorities for the industry. The strategy will guide the Northern Territory Government and AIDN-NT's efforts for the next decade.

Five hundred discussion papers have been distributed and a copy of the discussion paper can be found on our web pages at www.nt.gov.au/business.

The strategy is in its final stages of development and it is anticipated it will be ready for release by the end of the year.

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Northern Territory delegates at D+I 2007. Ray Moss, Northline Freight; Andrew Jones, AIDN-NT; Mark Smith and John Manners, North Australian Technologies; Gareth James and Peter Sims, Defence Support Division



defence + industry conference and exhibition 2007

The Defence + Industry Conference brought together more than 1,700 delegates, providing an opportunity for networking and information gathering about key Defence procurement strategies including practical guidance on dealing with the Defence Materiel Organisation and defence prime contractors.

Held in Adelaide 20-23 August, the 2007 D+I Conference incorporated a Trade Exhibition for the first time. The Defence Support Division sponsored the Northern Territory exhibit which included AIDN- NT and a number of local companies; North Australian Technologies, Syntonic Technologies, RANms, Universal Engineering, Northline Freight and DEEDS.

land warfare conference and exhibition 2007

The 2007 Land Warfare Conference and Exhibit will be held in Adelaide, 22-26 October 2007, and is a major event for users, providers, academics, designers and manufacturers to meet and present new and visionary ideas on Land Systems.

The Minister for Defence Support, Hon Kon Vatskalis, will lead a Northern Territory delegation of government and industry representatives to the conference. The Northern Territory will again be exhibiting at this event, with a more sophisticated display than previous years.

Companies who have confirmed their participation in the Northern Territory exhibit are; Australian Industry and Defence Network - NT, North Australian Technologies, Syntonic Technologies, Universal Engineering, DDEEDS, RANms, Carcom Installations and General Dynamic Land Systems.

For further information in relation to the 2007 Land Warfare Conference visit:

www.dsto.defence.gov.au/corporate/conferences/landwarfare/.

defence and industry study course

The Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) is conducted by the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) and provides insights into Defence acquisition and sustainment strategies that could give your business an edge.

The DISC consists of three modules of about a weeks duration, spread over seven months. The current course involves about 56 attendees, drawn from every State and Territory. The course includes visits to major Defence prime contractors, such as Tenix, General Dynamics, BAE Systems and Australian Submarine Corporation, where course participants have been able to see a range of Defence assets undergoing a variety of refurbishments and enhancements.

Also included in the course are visits to a number of Defence bases, including RAAF Base Williamtown, Duntroon Military College, RAAF Base Edinburgh and HMAS Kuttabul (Garden Island) in Sydney.

Highlights of the third and final module, to be held in Brisbane and Sydney in November, will be participating in Executive Stretch and a sea voyage on a FFG Class Frigate.

The cost per participant is \$9,000 with the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development and the Australian Industry and Defence Network NT (AIDN-NT) co-sponsoring the attendance of a local industry representative Mr Tony Copley, Carcom Installations. Tony is joining other Northern Territory participants in this course; Ian Cargill, Defence Support Division and Peter Callaghan, General Dynamics Land Systems.



Tony Copley, Carcom Installations

new defence support website

Work has begun on a new Northern Territory Government Defence Support website. The web pages will provide key information on the local Defence support industry, on key projects and on Northern Territory Government Defence Support priorities. It will also include pages relevant to Defence members and their families being posted to the Territory.

This component will provide a range of links on areas such as school and higher education, health and community services, sporting activities, vehicle registration etc. It will aim to aid the transition of Defence members and their families being posted from interstate to the Territory.

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