

Reforming the way Defence does business

Making it easier, faster and more cost effective to work with defence

Defence procurement must change to meet the strategic circumstances outlined in the Defence Strategic Review. The goal is to deliver capabilities to the Australian Defence Force faster and to make it easier for industry to do business with Defence. Defence's approach to contracting will be simplified, its risk appetite increased, and the time it takes to receive project and contract approvals shortened.

The Government, in cooperation with Defence, will transform the Australian Standard for Defence Contracting (ASDEFCON) suite of tendering and contracting documents to deliver capability at speed. Defence industry will see:

- ▶ Simplified and reduced information required during the tender process to ask only what is necessary for source selection, with any additional information requirements deferred to later stages.
- ▶ Modified ASDEFCON Complex and Strategic Materiel templates into a standardised suite of common core requirements.
- ▶ Updated, contemporary templates that provide better guidance on how they should be used based on delivery risk.
- ▶ Improved effectiveness of ASDEFCON tailoring training, including digitisation and modular applications of the templates suite.

Strategic partnerships provide long-term certainty on work, enabling industry to grow and upskill their workforce. The strategic partnerships with Lockheed Martin Australia and Raytheon Australia on Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Enterprise, and with Austal on consolidation of naval shipbuilding at Henderson Shipyard, have been successful and will be expanded.

In 2024, the Government will establish strategic partnerships such as in land and joint maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrade; and test and evaluation, certification and systems assurance priorities.

There will be flexible contracting models to support agile and developmental projects, such as those undertaken by the Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator.