

# Naval Defence

## Nova Scotia, Canada

Home to two air force bases, the Maritime Warfare Centre, and nine of Canada's top ten defence companies, Nova Scotia is a natural hub for defence activity.

Based in Halifax, Canada's next fleet of combat vessels are being constructed by Irving Shipbuilding in the largest under-cover shipbuilding facility in North America. This contract has become the largest single defence procurement in Canadian history. It's no wonder it was awarded to Nova Scotia - we have the technical expertise, cooperative industry, and a culture of excellence.

Attracted by our strategic location, concentration of defence activities, and access to cost competitive talent, Nova Scotia has a dynamic cluster of defence and security companies that deliver innovative solutions to global markets.

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## Naval Defence in Nova Scotia, Canada

### About the Sector

Given our industry's expertise in shipbuilding, sonar and sensing, in-service support and training and simulation, more than 30% of Canada's top defence companies are located in Nova Scotia.

Canada's next generation of combat vessels are being built here, with a contract valued at up to an estimated \$69 billion over a 30-year period. Overall, Nova Scotia's defence sector generates \$1.5 billion per year in revenue.

This is all supported by substantial capacity in research and development (R&D). Much of this capacity comes from a cluster of multinational companies that conduct high-value R&D work for the Department of National Defence (DND).

The province offers strong industry support through the Atlantic Canada Aerospace & Defence Association (ACADA), the Ocean Technology Council (OTCNS) and its Unmanned Systems Committee, bridging the gap between industry, government and academia.

Additionally, Canada's leading centre in sonar technology, torpedo defence, mine hunting, ship hydrodynamics, and naval materials research, Defence Research and Development Canada is located in Nova Scotia.

### A Place to Address Offset Commitments

Nova Scotia welcomes offset investments stemming from working with DND. Explore opportunities through partnering with small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) or conducting R&D.

- Growing cluster of SMEs involved in ocean tech, naval defence, cyber security, ICT, and training and simulation. 99% of businesses in the province have less than 200 employees, making partnership opportunities flexible.

- 10 research-driven universities, multiple research institutions, and a tax credit of up to 50% of eligible costs make Nova Scotia one of the best places in Canada to conduct R&D.

Software-based products and services account for 40% of the industry's work, followed by systems integration & supporting services (27%), engineered products (22%) and aerostructures (11%).

### Incentives

In Nova Scotia, we understand that a strong economy is the foundation of a strong province. That's why we offer some of the most competitive business costs in the country, as well as industry-relevant incentives.

We also offer:

- Federal research and development tax credits and accelerated capital cost allowances
- Provincial grants, loans, guarantees and tax credits
- Energy efficiency and productivity incentives
- Trade and export support programs



### YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

Some of the world's top companies have taken advantage of the unique opportunities in Nova Scotia's Naval Defence sector.



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