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Nova Scotia Business Inc.

Naval Defence

Nova Scotia is home to the largest formation of the Canadian Navy.

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

Canada's next fleet of combat vessels are being constructed in Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Irving Shipbuilding in the largest under-cover shipbuilding facility in North America. The \$70 billion contract is the largest single defence procurement in Canadian history. It's no wonder it was awarded here - we have the technical expertise, cooperative industry, and workforce needed to deliver.

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 delivering innovative solutions to global markets.

About the sector

More than 30% of Canada's top defence companies are located in Nova Scotia. That's no surprise given industry's expertise in shipbuilding, sonar and sensing, in-service support and training and simulation. The province has a growing cluster of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) involved in ocean technology, marine robotics and autonomous vehicles, cyber security, ICT and training and simulation.

Nova Scotia is an excellent location to offset investments from federal government contracts. Explore opportunities in the province by partnering with SMEs or by working with one of our 10 research-driven universities and 14 college campuses located throughout the province.

The Centre for Ocean Ventures & Entrepreneurship (COVE) is Nova Scotia's hub for ocean innovation and commercialization, offering deep water access, opportunities for partnership with like-minded companies, and a seabed platform for product testing.

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

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

Relevant programs and incentives

In Nova Scotia, we understand that a solid 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 and support programs.

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.
- Export Programs that provide a suite of funding programs to assist companies throughout the export process.

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