Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII)

Atlantic Canada: Strengthening Canada's Defence Advantage

Powering Atlantic innovation in defence and security

About the RDII

$357.7 million initiative delivered by Canada's **regional development agencies** (RDAs)

$38.2 million delivered by ACOA in Atlantic Canada over three years starting in 2025-2026

Supports Canada's **defence and security priorities** while boosting regional innovation and growth

Who can apply

You may qualify if you are:

- **Businesses (mainly SMEs)** in or entering defence supply chains
- **Non-profit organizations** supporting defence-related businesses
- **Indigenous-owned businesses and organizations**
- **Provincial and municipal governments**

What RDII supports

Innovation and R&D:
- Developing military or adapting dual-use technologies

Supply-chain integration:
- Meeting certification standards and connecting with major contractors

Productivity and scale-up:
- Modernizing facilities and equipment

Ecosystem growth:
- Strengthening regional infrastructure and expertise

How to Apply

Register for an information session

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Atlantic Canada advantage

Nearly 10,000 defence and aerospace jobs

18% of Canada's defence industry employment

34% of Canada's marine industry workforce

Recognized strengths in **shipbuilding, aerospace, sonar systems, simulation and cyber resilience**

Backed by **strategic coastal assets** and a **deep industrial base**

Driving innovation. Building resilience. Advancing Canada's defence future.

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