

Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII)



Atlantic Canada: Strengthening Canada's Defence Advantage

Powering Atlantic innovation in defence and security

\$379.2 million initiative delivered by Canada's regional development agencies (RDAs)

About the RDII

\$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

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Atlantic Canada advantage



Nearly 10,000 defence and aerospace jobs

20% 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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