

NEW AIR COMBAT CAPABILITY – INDUSTRY SUPPORT PROGRAM (NACC-ISP)

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BACKGROUND



Australian Government

Department of Defence

Department of Industry
Innovation, Science, Research
and Tertiary Education

The Australian Government's Defence Industry Policy Statement – Building Defence Capability: a Policy for a Smarter and More Agile Defence Industry Base announced over \$445 million of programs that industry can access to improve their competitiveness, their capacity for innovation, their ability to enter export markets, their opportunity to win work locally as well as improve the skills of their workforce.

The New Air Combat Capability – Industry Support Program was established in conjunction with the Australian Government approval to acquire the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter under Project AIR 6000. The program will provide funding to Australian companies and research organisations to support the development of new or improved capabilities that may enhance their ability in winning work in the production, sustainment and follow-on development phases of the Joint Strike Fighter Program (JSF Program).

The NACC-ISP will receive \$8.2 million over four years to 2014.

WHAT DOES IT OFFER?

The NACC-ISP offers Australian industry and research organisations three streams of assistance:

Stream A: Grants of up to \$1,000,000 over a period of no more than 36 months, for the development of a new or improved JSF technology, product, process or service that is required by entities within the JSF supply chain and which can demonstrate more than one JSF application.

Stream B: Grants of up to \$250,000 over a period of no more than 18 months, for the development of a new or improved JSF technology, product, process or service to enhance a company's competitiveness in

winning work from entities within the JSF supply chain; or to engage in a study effort that relates to a capability required by entities within the JSF supply chain or the JSF Program Office.

Stream C: Grants of up to \$300,000 with no more than \$100,000 per financial year, for a period of no more than 36 months, will be available for Australian universities, cooperative research centres (CRCs) or publicly funded research agencies (PFRAs), or a company controlled by one of these organisations, to undertake research effort assistance that leads to JSF industry capability enhancements or manufacturing improvements required by entities within the JSF supply chain or the JSF Program Office.

Funding for all streams is granted on a 50:50 basis. This means that funding must be matched on a dollar for dollar basis by grant recipients.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The program is available to Australian companies, Australian universities, cooperative research centres and publicly funded research agencies.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applicants are encouraged to read the New Air Combat Capability – Industry Support Program Customer Guidelines. You should discuss your suitability for NACC-ISP support with a Business Advisor in the Defence Industry Innovation Centre.

If an applicant is deemed suitable for NACC-ISP support, they will be provided with an application form.

Further information

For further information about the *New Air Combat Capability – Industry Support Program*, visit

[http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/who/defence/Pages/](http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/who/defence/Pages/NewAirCombatCapabilityIndustrySupportProgram.aspx)

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Defence Industry Innovation Centre on (03) 9215 2651 or by email at DefenceIndustryCentre@innovation.gov.au.

MERIT CRITERIA

NACC-ISP is a merit based assistance program. Applicants compete for limited grant funds, based on the merit of their application

The following criteria are used to assess the merit of an application:

Need for funding: You are able to show that you cannot fully fund the activity yourself and Commonwealth funding assistance is required.

Commercial plan: You can demonstrate how you plan to enhance your ability to compete for the identified business opportunity.

Management capability: You must demonstrate the capacity and capability to undertake the project.

Market opportunity: You are able to demonstrate a realistic estimate of the financial revenue that will result from your NACC-ISP project, the competitive advantages of the project's outcomes compared to existing or competing products, processes or services, and how the project will lead to other market opportunities.

National benefits: You are able to show that the project will contribute to the enhancement of the Australian JSF industry outcome, enhance Australian defence industry skills, capabilities and competitiveness, and address other Australian business opportunities in global defence industry supply chains.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for support under Streams A and B of NACC-ISP, an applicant must be either:

- a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001; or
- an Australian university; or
- a cooperative research centre; or
- a publicly funded research agency.

To be eligible for NACC-ISP funding under Stream C, an applicant must be either:

- an Australian university; or
- a cooperative research centre; or
- a publicly funded research agency; or
- a non tax-exempt company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and controlled by an Australian university, cooperative research centre or a publicly funded research agency.

Eligible applicants must also:

- be solvent and able to demonstrate that they can fund their share of the project costs
- be able to demonstrate that they have ownership, access to, or the beneficial use of, any intellectual property necessary to undertake the NACC-ISP project
- be compliant with the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999
- not be one of the companies engaged in the development of the F-35 Lightning II JSF, referred to as a JSF Prime listed in the NACC-ISP Customer Guidelines.

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

Applications for grant funding will be competitively assessed against the merit criteria by a panel of experts from within the Defence Materiel Organisation and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education. The panel provides advice to the Program Delegate, who is responsible for approving applications, funding amounts and payments to successful applicants. After receiving an assessment from the NACC-ISP Review Panel, the Program Delegate may approve an application for support and funding for a project to which the application relates. Applicants will receive notification within 7 days of the Program Delegate's decision.

Applications can be lodged at any time and are considered on an ongoing basis.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I AM SUCCESSFUL?

Successful applicants will need to execute a NACC-ISP funding agreement with the Commonwealth in order to receive grant funding.