



DEFENCE STARTING MAP

Find your starting point

Canada's defence ecosystem is broad. Start where you are and expand.



Navigate & partner

Finding your way in defence?

ISED Concierge Service and Accelerated Growth Services · Clusters (DIGITAL, NGen, others) · Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries (CADSI) · Aerospace Industries Association of Canada (AIAC)



Develop (R&D)

Building new tech?

Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) by DND · BOREALIS · Innovative Solutions Canada (ISC) · NRC IRAP Defence Industry Assist



Test & demonstrate

Prototype ready?

ISC Testing Stream · CSA Space Technology Development Program · NRC Drone Innovation Hub · NRC IRAP · IDEaS DISH



Accelerate

Need support of experts?

CDL Defence Stream · Communitech NATO DIANA · COVE NATO DIANA · Vimy Forge · Calian Ventures · Alacrity Arc Lab · Arctech Accelerate



Find customers

Want to meet buyers?

CANSEC · DEFSEC West · DEFSEC Atlantic · Western Innovation Forum · others



Scale & finance

Commercializing?

Regional Defence Investment Initiative (RDII) through RDAs (PacifiCan, FedDev, others) · BDC Defence Platform · Strategic Response Fund (SRF) · Canadian Defence Industry Resilience (CDIR)

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Procure & comply

Navigating procurement?

CanadaBuys · NATO Support and Procurement Agency · Defence Capabilities Blueprint (DCB) · Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) Policy · Controlled Goods Program



Export

Selling abroad?

CanExport SMEs by Trade Commissioner Service · Export Development Canada (EDC) · Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) · Canadian International Innovation Program (CIIP)



Find investors

Looking for investors?

BDC StrongNorth fund · BDC Catalyst Innovation Fund · Calian Ventures · NATO Innovation Fund · Kensington/ONE9 · Garage Capital · others



Policy and Research

Looking for thought leadership?

Conference of Defence Associations (CAD) Institute · Canadian Defence and Security Network (CDSN) · North American and Arctic Defence and Security Network (NAADSN)

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