

Northrop Grumman Australia Supports Growth of Australian Defence Industry for the Joint Force

Australia's most innovative defence companies to debut future autonomous aircraft technology and global security solutions at upcoming showcase

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CANBERRA, Australia – Jan. 18, 2022 – Northrop Grumman Australia (NYSE: NOC) will host a virtual technology and innovation event on Feb. 7 recognising emerging Australian defence technology companies. The showcase, presented in collaboration with Bondi Partners, is an opportunity to discover and support small and medium-sized Australian companies who are pushing the boundaries in advanced autonomous technology, payload development and digital enterprise solutions connecting the future joint force.

"The inaugural Australian Tech and Innovation Showcase presented by Northrop Grumman underpins our investment in developing a sovereign, Australian defence capability by giving Australian small-to-medium enterprises a platform to showcase their technologies and celebrate their pioneering ideas," said Christine Zeitz, general manager, Northrop Grumman Asia Pacific. "Partnerships are born from innovation and together, we have the opportunity to support up and coming Australian defence innovators to become a part of the Northrop Grumman global supply chain and jointly develop technologies that will further future autonomous aircraft and advanced networking capabilities for the joint force."

Eleven defence technology companies from across Australia will demonstrate their complex capabilities to a panel of judges during the showcase event. The finalists include Athena Artificial Intelligence, Dingo Defence Pty Ltd, Euclideon Holographics, Fortifyedge, GEV Systems, Guardware Australia Pty Ltd, Nominal Systems, Pivot Maritime International, Skyborne Technologies, UXMachines Pty Ltd, and Vai Photonics Pty Ltd.

These companies offer a unique set of skills that have the potential to help address threats while delivering future agile capability to the Australian Defence Force. By leveraging multi-domain concepts, advanced technologies and integrated designs, these Australian innovators can help pave the way with future unmanned intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting (ISR&T) capabilities to enhance Australia's sovereign national security capabilities.

Northrop Grumman Australia and Bondi Partners will support the most outstanding companies with business optimisation through a year-long mentorship program by leveraging Northrop Grumman Australia's Parallax Labs, a collaborative environment to test technology and solution approaches to develop next generation systems in support of the future joint Australian Defence Force.

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