Invest NOVA SCOTIA

# AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE

## LAUNCHING THE NEXT FRONTIER IN TECHNOLOGY.

With **TWO** air force bases, Canada's first commercial spaceport, the Maritime Warfare Centre, and over half of Canada's **TOP 10** defence companies, Nova Scotia is a natural hub for aerospace and defence activity.

Canada's next fleet of combat vessels are being built in Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Irving Shipbuilding under an $84 billion contract, the largest in Canada's history. The cost to build and deliver the first three River-Class Destroyers is estimated at $22.2 billion with 15 additional ships proposed.

It's no wonder it was awarded here. We have the technical expertise, cooperative industry, and workforce needed to deliver. Attracted by our strategic location, concentration of aerospace and defence activities, concentration of defence activities, and access to cost competitive talent, Nova Scotia has a dynamic cluster of companies delivering innovative solutions to global markets.

# ABOUT THE SECTOR

Nova Scotia is an excellent location to invest in Industrial & Technological Benefits (ITBs) arising from federal government contracts. Explore opportunities in the province by partnering with industry or by working with one of our 10 research-driven universities and 14 college campuses.

Nova Scotia is at the centre of Canada's defence economy, hosting the highest concentration of defence spending in the country. The province is home to more than 30% of Canada's top defence companies, including three of the nation's four largest In-Service Support (ISS) prime contractors: IMP Aerospace & Defence, Babcock Canada, and Lockheed Martin.

This ecosystem delivers world-class expertise in engineering, modernization, life-cycle maintenance, and overhaul, supporting aerospace, naval, and land platforms. For global defence leaders, Nova Scotia offers a proven and highly capable supply chain ready to deliver at scale.

## SONAR AND SENSING

Nova Scotia is home to leading companies and technologies in underwater acoustics, imaging and other environmental sensor technologies. COVE is Nova Scotia's hub for ocean innovation and commercialization, offering deep water access, opportunities for partnership with like-minded companies, and a seabed platform for testing.

## SPACE SENSING AND OBSERVATION

Nova Scotia is emerging as a launch hub for the space sector, with proposed domestic launch capabilities, innovative companies, emerging technologies, and a pipeline of talent ready to tackle the industry's problems. Satellite innovators can launch, grow, and build connections close to home and around the world.

## ECOSYSTEM

NATO chose Nova Scotia for DIANA's regional office and accelerator because of our unmatched strategic and innovation assets. With direct access to the North Atlantic and Arctic—key regions for Canada's future submarine operations—plus ice-free deepwater ports, secure defence infrastructure and Canada's first Maritime Defence Innovation Secure Hub. Add to that a thriving ocean tech and research ecosystem, and it's clear why the province is helping lead this global initiative to accelerate dual-use technologies and industry growth.

## RELEVANT PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES

We offer competitive business costs, as well as industry-relevant incentives and support programs including:

- Federal research and development tax credits and accelerated capital cost allowances.
- Provincial grants, loans, guarantees and tax credits.
- Energy efficiency and productivity incentives.
- Export programs that providing funding to assist companies throughout the export process.

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