



AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE AGENCY INDUSTRY UPLIFT PROGRAMS

Australia's acquisition of conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines is one of the most significant industrial transformations in the nation's history.

The Australian Government has established a suite of industry uplift programs to support the development of a resilient and sovereign Australian Submarine Industrial Base. These initiatives are designed to integrate Australian industry into UK and US supply chains, ultimately enabling the build and sustainment of Australia's nuclear-powered submarine capability.

These complementary programs are supported by targeted government investment, strategic trilateral partnerships, and a prioritisation framework that aligns with broader Defence strategic policy. Together, they offer a flexible suite of pathways tailored to the unique requirements of Australian businesses seeking to participate in nuclear-powered submarine opportunities.

INDUSTRY CAPABILITY PROGRAMS

The industry uplift framework integrates bespoke programs with existing Commonwealth initiatives such as the Global Supply Chain Program and Defence Industry Development Grants, to provide scalable support for Australian businesses.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY FRONT DOOR

To help industry navigate the right journey for their business, ASA provides a concierge service through the Industry Front Door. The ASA leads regular trade delegations to the UK and US, offering Australian businesses direct access to both US and UK Government and Industry representatives, and facilitating clarity around current and future demand signals.



www.asa.gov.au/industry-front-door

READINESS SUMMARY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Visit the [ASA Industry Portal](#) and register your interest to stay updated on ASA industry events, trade delegations and news
- ✓ Review the Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) Portal to apply for DISP membership
- ✓ Visit the [MADE portal](#) to learn about Export Controls and register to become an Australian Authorized User
- ✓ Learn more about [Australian Industry Uplift Programs](#) and how to accelerate your access to NPS opportunities
- ✓ Explore [available grants and financial support](#)

KEY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

- [Industry Front Door](#) – navigate 'Defence ready' requirements, government programs and supply chain opportunities
- [DIVQ Program](#) – administered by [ASC](#)
- [AUSSQ Program](#) – administered by [H&B Defence](#)



DEFENCE INDUSTRY VENDOR QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

Launched by the Australian Government in 2024, the Defence Industry Vendor Qualification (DIVQ) Program is a Government initiative, delivered in partnership with industry. Initially focussed on the US, the Program streamlines the qualification of Australian businesses to provide products and services into trilateral supply chains.

APPROACH

DIVQ enables qualification activities to be undertaken in Australia by US shipbuilders in partnership with ASC. Through this process, Australian suppliers that meet the assessment and quality standards established by General Dynamics Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding can qualify for inclusion in the US Supply Catalogue. Ultimately, this provides Australian businesses with access to future commercial opportunities within the US supply chain.

DEFENCE INDUSTRY VENDOR QUALIFICATION (DIVQ)

DIVQ WAVE 1

- Pipe Fittings
- Small Valves
- Standard Navy (SNVY) Valves

DIVQ WAVE 2

- Anti-vibration Mounts
- Additive Manufacturing

DIVQ WAVE 3

- Formed Fittings
- Mechanical Assemblies
- Castings

DIVQ WAVE 4

- Medium Valves
- Connector Cable & Assemblies
- Forgings
- Machined Parts

DIVQ WAVE 5

- Electro-mechanical components
- Manifolds

REGISTRATION VIA
ICN GATEWAY

EXPORT
AUTHORISATION

EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST

SUPPLIER QUALIFICATION
& PROTOTYPING

ELIGIBLE FOR EB/NNS
PURCHASE ORDERS

Indicative DIVQ (US) Workflow



AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SUPPLIER QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Australian Submarine Supplier Qualification (AUSSQ) Program is a business-to-business initiative delivered by Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) Australia in partnership with H&B Defence. Designed to qualify Australian suppliers for access to opportunities in the HII Newport News Shipbuilding supply chain, AUSSQ supports Australian suppliers to meet the rigorous technical, regulatory, and security standards required to participate in the nuclear-powered submarine program.

APPROACH

Structured around a disciplined sequence of validation, uplift, and qualification processes, the AUSSQ Program enables Australian suppliers to access HII's Global Supply Chain Program and compete directly for HII Newport News Shipbuilding supply chain opportunities.

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SUPPLIER QUALIFICATION (AUSSQ)

WORK PACKAGE 1
Castings and Forgings

WORK PACKAGE 2
Precision Machining

WORK PACKAGE 3
Air & Gas Flasks

WORK PACKAGE 4
Fabricated Parts

EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST

SUPPLIER
VALIDATION

CORRECTIVE
ACTION

SUPPLIER
UPLIFT

SUPPLIER
QUALIFICATION

EXPORT
LICENCE

REQUEST FOR
QUOTATION
(RFQ)

RFQ REVIEW
AND FEEDBACK

PROPOSAL
DECISION

Indicative AUSSQ Workflow