

DAIR INITIATIVES FUNDED BY THE AEROSPACE REGIONAL RECOVERY INITIATIVE

A Government of Canada investment of over \$2.6 million from the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#) (FedDev Ontario) through the Aerospace Regional Recovery Initiative (ARRI) supports two initiatives delivered by Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research (DAIR) – the DAIR Supplier Development Initiative (SDI) and the DAIR Green Fund. Together, these initiatives are to support up to 24 small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ontario.

DAIR Green Fund

Advancing sustainable innovation in the aerospace sector will strengthen Canadian global competitiveness, as many nations around the world pursue green transformation in aviation and aerospace.

The DAIR Green Fund will help the aerospace industry accelerate this green shift by focusing on new technologies and processes. Designed to support the work of Ontario SMEs, the Green Fund will provide direct financial support for collaborative projects that demonstrate an impact on the future of aerospace through sustainable and green aviation technologies and solutions.

Proposed projects can focus on innovation in a broad range of areas including but not limited to products/processes related to alternative propulsion, sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), additive manufacturing, new materials and light weighting, reduction of waste and consumables, environmentally focused aircraft design, and aircraft efficiencies.

DAIR Supplier Development Initiative

Participation in national and global aerospace supply chains is a proven pathway to support SME growth. The DAIR Supplier Development Initiative (SDI) is designed to help Ontario SMEs increase their value in supply chains and become stronger project partners. The result will be an improved aerospace ecosystem, which supports Canadian competitiveness and economic growth.

With SDI support, selected SMEs will receive an assessment audit that analyzes their capacity to serve the supplier requirements of prime contractors – Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and other Tier 1 project partners.

Based on the audit outcome, SDI supports the SME to develop and implement operational and technological improvements and training solutions, with access to OEM/Tier 1 expertise and coaching.

About DAIR

[Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research \(DAIR\)](#) is a not-for-profit whose mission is to revolutionize the collaboration environment by catalyzing innovation in aerospace and beyond. DAIR supports its members by offering access to state-of-the-art equipment and infrastructure to accelerate leading-edge and sustainable research and technology adoption; creating training solutions for the business and technology challenges of today and tomorrow; providing a platform for industry, academia and government synergies to foster and advance R&D partnerships; and advocacy for the aerospace industry locally, nationally and globally. [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [LinkedIn](#)

About FedDev Ontario

For 13 years, the Government of Canada, through [FedDev Ontario](#), has worked to advance and diversify the southern Ontario economy through funding opportunities and business services that support innovation, growth and job creation in Canada's most populous region. The Agency has delivered impressive results, which can be seen in southern Ontario businesses that are creating innovative technologies, improving productivity, growing revenues and creating jobs, and in the economic advancement of communities across the region. Learn more about the impacts the Agency is having in southern Ontario by exploring our [pivotal projects](#), our [Southern Ontario Spotlight](#), and FedDev Ontario's [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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