

New round of DAIR Green Fund projects accelerates the drive to increase sustainability and competitiveness in the aerospace sector

TORONTO (August 28, 2023): Creating a greener aerospace sector continues to be a priority for the industry in Ontario and across Canada. To that end, [Downsview Aerospace Innovation & Research](#) (DAIR) is pleased to announce a second group of collaborative projects funded by the DAIR Green Fund.

The DAIR Green Fund provides financial support to help small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) advance the technology readiness of projects that can help reduce the environmental footprint of aviation and aerospace. This fund is supported by the Government of Canada, through the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#) (FedDev Ontario), as part of the Aerospace Regional Recovery Initiative (ARRI).

The DAIR Green Fund recipients in the second round: Advanced Mobility Products Inc., Columbiad Launch Services Inc., Plan de Vol International Inc. (FliteX), Promation Engineering Ltd., RAMPF Composite Solutions Inc., Superwake, Tristar Coatings Ltd. and Zentek Ltd.

In August 2022, FedDev Ontario [announced support](#) the Green Fund, as well as DAIR's Supplier Development Initiative (SDI). The first eight (8) projects selected to receive Green Fund support were [announced](#) in March of 2023.

“DAIR appreciates the Government of Canada’s continued support of the aerospace sector’s commitment to innovating for a green transformation,” says Maryse Harvey, Executive Director of DAIR. “The Green Fund projects will advance research and development and collaboration in the sector and drive further increases in both sustainability and competitiveness.”

FedDev Ontario’s investment is also supporting three (3) additional projects through the DAIR Supplier Development Initiative (SDI). Designed to help SMEs build their capabilities and capacity, the SDI involves a three-step approach whereby experts guide SMEs to improve their ability to meet the needs of the evolving global aerospace sector and create better customer relations with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and Tier 1 companies.

“The DAIR Green Fund continues to provide valuable support to businesses that are leaders in creating sustainable innovations. Their hard work will help Canada’s aerospace sector grow and thrive. The Government of Canada is committed to supporting the people and businesses working hard to find new ways to move toward a greener future for Canadians,” says Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

All of the funding recipients were selected through a rigorous process based on industry best practices, spearheaded by a review committee composed of five (5) members with diverse background and expertise from across industry, academia and research centres.

The DAIR Green Fund projects will be featured at the *DAIR to Innovate 2023* conference on October 24, 2023, as part of the Tech Showcase.

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.

About FedDev Ontario

For 14 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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