



DEFENCE READINESS PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

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Section 1 – General Information

This program is designed to support Ontario small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that currently supply, or intend to supply, products or services to the defence sector. Organizations that do not presently work with, or intend to pursue, defence related opportunities in the future, are ineligible for this program. We encourage only those businesses with a demonstrated or planned interest in defence procurement to continue with the application.

Intake will remain open until the program is fully subscribed.

This program is delivered by DAIR with support from the Government of Ontario.

Companies are not required to be members of the DAIR Innovation Network at the time of application. However, companies selected to participate will be required to join the DAIR Innovation Network upon execution of a funding agreement with DAIR. Membership is subject to the applicable annual membership fee and is renewable annually.

Applicants are required to review the DAIR Defence Readiness Program Applicants Guide before completing this application. For clarification or additional information, please contact the DAIR Industry Development & Readiness Manager, Verlyn Smith, at verlyn.smith@dairhub.com.

Section 2 – Applicant Information

Legal business name		Company operating name, if different:	
Business structure (corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.)			
Is your company: ☐ Public ☐ Private	Headquarters address, if applicable:		
Applicant additional locations, if applicable:			
Is your company part of a larger group of companies? ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Legal name and full address of parent company, if applicable:			
Applicant incorporation date (mm/dd/yy):		Number of full-time permanent employees (Applicant location):	
Applicant 9-Digit CRA Business Number:		Applicant First 3-Digits of NAICS Code:	
Company website:			
Street address:		Unit Number:	City:
Province: ON	Postal Code:	Phone number: Ext:	

Note - Applicants that are U.S.-based businesses are not eligible. A U.S.-based business is any business (including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation or other business structure) that (i) has its headquarters or principal office located in the United States; and (ii) has fewer than 250 full-time employees in Ontario. If the applicant is a subsidiary of another corporation, criterion (i) is deemed to be met where the subsidiary is controlled by a corporation whose headquarters or principal office is located in the United States.

Principal *(person authorized to sign the application)*

First and Last Name:		Job title:
Phone number:	Ext:	Email address:

Project manager

Is the project manager a different person than the principal manager: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
First and Last Name:		Job title:
Phone number:	Ext:	Email address:

Section 3 – Compliance Status

a) Which of the following certifications/designations/authorizations does your organization currently have
Select all that apply:

- ☐ Reliability Status
- ☐ Designated Organization Screening (DOS)
- ☐ Document Safeguarding Capability (DSC)
- ☐ Facility Security Clearance (FSC)
- ☐ Controlled Goods Program (CGP)
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 1
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 2
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 3
- ☐ Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) – Level 1
- ☐ Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) – Level 2
- ☐ ISO 27001
- ☐ NIST 800-171
- ☐ Other, please state:
- ☐ None of the above

Section 3 – Compliance Status cont'd

b) Which compliance designations are your organization interested in pursuing?

Select all that apply:

- ☐ Reliability Status
- ☐ Designated Organization Screening (DOS)
- ☐ Document Safeguarding Capability (DSC)(D
- ☐ Facility Security Clearance (FSC)
- ☐ Controlled Goods Program (CGP)
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 1
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 2
- ☐ Canadian Program for Cyber Security Compliance (CPCSC) – Level 3
- ☐ Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) – Level 1
- ☐ Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) – Level 2
- ☐ ISO 27001
- ☐ NIST 800-171
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Other, please state:

c) Which of the following statements best describes your company's current status in the defence industry?

- ☐ Direct government contract
- ☐ Defence contract through an OEM
- ☐ Defence contract through a Tier-1 company
- ☐ Diversifying into defence industry

Section 4 – Annual Revenue

a) Applicant annual revenue: \$

b) Applicant export revenue: \$

c) Applicant current annual percentage of revenue, derived from aerospace and/or defence:

Year: 2025	Civil Aerospace: %	Defence-related Aerospace: %
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Year: 2026 (Forecast)	Civil Aerospace: %	Defence-related Aerospace: %
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Section 5 – General Information About the SME

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5a) Please describe the company's mission, vision and values.

5b) Describe the main activities of the company – **types of products manufactured**, such as airframe structures, gears, engine components and landing gear parts; **industries or markets** supplied to, materials used such as metal or composites; **services provided to aerospace and defence customers** such as engineering, build to print machining, metal finishing, etc.

5c) List other certifications held such as but not limited to AS9100, NADCAP, ISO 14001 etc.

5d) Please describe past or current relationship with DAIR such as Green Fund recipient, SDI recipient or D2I Tech Showcase exhibitor, Innovation Network Member etc.

Section 6 – Declaration and signature

By signing this application form, the Applicant company agrees to/that:

- The information provided in this application is complete, true and accurate to the best of the Applicant's knowledge.
- The Applicant has reviewed and understands the requirements outlined in the DAIR Defence Readiness Guide.
- Submission of this application does not guarantee funding or participation in the program.
- Any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest related to this application or the proposed project has been disclosed to DAIR or will be disclosed immediately should one arise.
- Where lobbyists are engaged in relation to this application or the proposed project, they are registered in accordance with all applicable lobbying legislation, where required, and no prohibited contingency fee arrangement exists.
- Any former public office holder who may derive a benefit from a resulting Funding Agreement is in compliance with all applicable conflict of interest, ethics and post-employment obligations.
- The Applicant will promptly notify DAIR of any material changes affecting the organization or the proposed project, including changes to the organization's financial position, ownership or management, project scope, schedule or sources of project funding.
- If selected to participate in the program, the Applicant agrees to become a member of the DAIR Innovation Network upon execution of the Funding Agreement. Membership is subject to the applicable annual membership fee and is renewable annually.

Full name:

Signature:

Date (mm/dd/yy):



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