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2026 DEFENCE INDUSTRY DINNER AND AWARDS COLLABORATION AWARD GUIDEBOOK

Winner Announced: Thursday 3 December 2026
6.00pm - 11.00pm
Adelaide Convention Centre



2025 Award Winners:
Aimpoint
Ares Armaments Australia



Defence Teaming Centre - Defence Industry Dinner and Awards Collaboration Award

The Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) Collaboration Award recognises members that have worked collaboratively to address a gap in the capacity or capability of the defence sector and, through that collaboration, achieved meaningful outcomes for Defence, the defence industry, and the participating organisations.

This award celebrates effective collaboration that delivers commercial, operational, capability, sovereign industrial and/or export outcomes, while demonstrating best practice in working across organisational boundaries to achieve mutual success.

Evaluation Criteria

Nominations will be assessed on:

- The extent to which the collaboration addressed a Defence sector need, capability gap, or capacity shortfall
- The effectiveness of the collaboration model, including roles, governance, coordination, and shared contribution
- Evidence of measurable outcomes delivered through the collaboration
- The degree to which the collaboration strengthened sovereign capability and/or export competitiveness
- The positive impact of the collaboration on the participating organisations and broader defence ecosystem

Eligibility Criteria

The nominee must meet all of the following:

- Lead nominee must be a financial Defence Teaming Centre member.
- The collaboration must involve at least one other organisation, which may include other DTC members and/or external organisations.
- The collaboration must have resulted in a demonstrated commercial, operational, or capability outcome, and cannot be an arrangement that is only currently bidding for work.
- The activity to which the collaboration applies must be either:
 - ongoing/operational within the current year (2026), where the collaboration may have commenced up to three years prior; or
 - completed/finalised within the last 24 months at the time the nomination is submitted.
- The collaboration must demonstrate evidence of real-world application, implementation, delivery, or validated outcome.
- The collaboration must comply with all relevant regulatory, ethical, contractual, and defence security requirements.



Collaboration Award Questions

- Q1** **Provide a brief overview of the businesses or organisations involved in the collaboration.**
Include the lead organisation and all contributing partners, and outline their respective roles
Max 300 Words
- Q2** **What Defence sector need, capability gap, or capacity challenge was this collaboration established to address?**
Describe the context, challenge, opportunity, or market need that led to the collaboration. You may include relevant Defence capability priorities, supply chain needs, interoperability requirements, or market access challenges.
Max 300 Words
- Q3** **Describe the outcome of the collaboration and explain how the team operated within the collaborative environment.**
Outline how the organisations worked together, including team structure, governance, coordination mechanisms, shared resources, responsibilities, and any challenges overcome in working collaboratively.
Max 300 Words
- Q4** **What benefits has this collaboration delivered to the customer (Defence or defence industry) and to the participating organisations? Did this collaboration strengthen sovereign capability and/or export competitiveness?**
You may address short, medium and/or long-term impacts, such as enhanced capability, innovation, supply chain improvements, or strategic growth.
Max 300 Words
- Q5** **Describe the positive impact the collaboration has had on your organisation.**
This may include business growth, new job creation, workforce development, skills transfer, or increased market access.
Max 300 Words

Supporting Material (Optional)

Applicants are encouraged to provide supporting evidence where relevant, such as:

- performance data or metrics
- customer or partner testimonials
- diagrams of collaboration structure or delivery model
- case studies or project summaries
- letters of endorsement
- export, contract, or delivery evidence.

Key Dates

Sunday 16 August - Applications Close

Friday 28 August - Awards finalists and non-finalist notified

Thursday December 3 - Winners presented with awards at Defence Teaming Centre Defence Industry Dinner and Awards Ceremony.



Collaboration Award T&Cs

By submitting your nomination online, you hereby agree to and accept the following terms and conditions.

1. Finalists for the Defence Teaming Centre Awards will be required to have at least one representative attend the 2026 Defence Industry Dinner & Awards Ceremony at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide South Australia, on Thursday 3 December 2026 where the winner will be announced. The identified representative(s) will accept the award on behalf of the team.
2. All finalists will provide details of the nominated representative(s) attending the 2026 Defence Industry Dinner & Awards Ceremony to the Defence Teaming Centre Head of Events two weeks prior to the event.
3. Selected finalists for the Collaboration Award will be required to allow a representative(s) from Adelaide Film Works onto their facility to obtain video footage of the workplace to feature in the 2026 Collaboration Award Finalists video. The video will be published on the Defence Teaming Centre website and social media channels and will be shown at the 2025 Defence Industry Dinner & Awards Ceremony.
4. Each finalist will also need to have a representative available for an interview with representative(s) from Adelaide Film Works for use in the 2026 Collaboration Award Finalist video.
5. The Defence Teaming Centre reserves the right to use any entries, photographs, video, media and / or articles of the finalists and winners of the Awards for promotional purposes.
6. Nominators agree to be contacted by a representative of the Defence Teaming Centre to verify any information submitted and the eligibility of the nominee.
7. All nominees will be advised if they have made it to a finalist status by phone or email after the judging has closed by a representative of the Defence Teaming Centre.
8. Award nominees retain responsibility to not engage in conduct which brings or has the potential to bring the Defence Teaming Centre into disrepute.
9. Award finalists will be responsible for all costs involved in attending the dinner & award ceremony and travelling to and from filming locations.
10. The Defence Teaming Centre reserves the right to, at any time, verify a nomination and disqualify any nominee who the Defence Teaming Centre believes has submitted an entry not in accordance with these terms and conditions.
11. All nominations will be reviewed by an independent external Judging Panel made up of respected defence industry experts and peers. The Panel retains full discretion in determining Award recipients. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the selection process or results.