

2021

Minister's Award for Excellence in Defence Industry

About the awards

Defence and Defence Prime Contractors are invited to nominate a Territory business for the 2021 Minister's Award for Excellence in Defence Industry.

The Award recognises the outstanding contribution a Territory business is making to support Defence, while at the same time improving the delivery and reputation to grow the Territory defence support sector.



SAGE Group - Winner of the 2020 Minister's Award for Excellence in the Defence Industry

SAGE is an Australian sovereign manufacturer and control system integrator who has been in the NT for more than a decade. SAGE now have a team of 30 across the NT undertaking more than 10,000 hours of work on Defence assets each year.

Major projects, including the RAAF Base Darwin Fuel Farm 3 and Fuel Farm 7 Control System Upgrade meant SAGE was maintaining the project schedule and compliance of the RAAF Base Darwin Fuel Facility during a global pandemic. Due to COVID-19, SAGE had to adopt and develop a visual commissioning training method to teach local Defence personnel how to use the Fuel Farm control panel.

SAGE's increased involvement with Defence has contributed to the channelling of new infrastructure, business partnerships, training and bringing human capital to the region.

Eligibility criteria

1. Nominees must be a Territory-based small to medium sized business.
2. Nominees will be assessed according to their activities in relation to growing their Defence support capability or that of the industry including:
 - seeking out business opportunities from Defence decisions
 - implementing business and workforce development initiatives
 - developing strategic partnerships
 - raising the profile and reputation of the NT Defence support industry
 - investing in equipment or infrastructure to increase capability and capacity.
3. Nominations close on 14 October 2021. Late nominations will not be accepted without prior arrangement.
4. Nominated businesses may be contacted and a site visit arranged to discuss the business' capabilities and achievements.
5. Nominees should be working within the Defence support industry for at least two years. The selection panel may use its discretion in allowing a nomination from a business that has achieved a Defence related contract for the first time within the past two years, or has initiated a strategic capability that will benefit the Defence support industry as a whole.
6. The assessment panel will not impinge on any intellectual property linked to the achievement and strict adherence to security of information supplied as part of the nomination will apply.

Conditions of entry

The nomination form must be submitted by the specified date and completed to the satisfaction of the award selection panel. The award selection panel will comprise of representatives from Northern Territory Government (DefenceNT) and the Department of Defence. Nominees must be a Territory business and engaged in or working to be engaged in work for the Department of Defence or a Defence Prime Contractor.

The award selection panel reserves the right to contact nominees for further information in support of their nomination. The information provided in this nomination form is for the purpose of assessing eligibility for an award only and will not be used for any other purpose. The award selection panel may visit finalists in their workplace to assist further in the assessment of a nomination and to discuss entry information with nominees, if required.

How to nominate

Businesses are to be nominated by a third party (ADF representative or Defence Prime Contractor) or nominated by another business for previous collaboration in providing services to Defence. The nominating party is to complete the nomination form below by close of business Thursday 14 October 2021.

DefenceNT staff will contact the nominated business to arrange a site visit to discuss their capabilities, strengths and achievements.

All nominations and associated site visits must be finalised and submitted by close of business 14 October 2021 to be considered by the Award Judging Panel.

Nominations must be submitted to:

DefenceNT
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
e: defencent@nt.gov.au
t: 08 8999 6421



Nomination form

Name of nominated business:	
Postal address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Name and organisation of nominator:	
Supporting comments – please include brief comments below on why you have nominated this business for the award.	
Signature of nominator:	Date: