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Future Submarine partnership presents at PACIFIC 2017

Over 400 Australian and international companies, research and development and educational institutions will gather today at the Pacific 2017 International Maritime Exposition in Sydney to be updated by key Future Submarine Program representatives on the program's progress to date.

The event is a joint briefing involving the Department of Defence as the customer, and the two prime contractors – Naval Group as the Platform System Integrator (PSI) and Lockheed Martin Australia as the Combat System Integrator (CSI).

"The purpose of today's briefing is to provide an update on the Future Submarine Program and emphasise that this is a national project and everyone has the opportunity to contribute," said Brent Clark, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Naval Group Australia.

"To date over 850 companies have attended the nationwide Future Submarine industry briefings which have been held in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart in partnership with Lockheed Martin Australia and the Department of Defence," Mr Clark said.

With work on the infrastructure to build the submarines commencing in Adelaide from next year, Naval Group is looking for suppliers with expertise in civil works, consultancy, building and engineering.

For the submarine program the company is looking for suppliers with expertise in mechanical and fluid systems, raw materials, software and hardware, production and industrial services.

Lockheed Martin Australia is keen to hear from Australian suppliers to support the design activities for the Future Submarine's Combat System.

"We are ramping up the design and mobilisation phase of Australia's Future Submarine Program and are looking to Australian industry to support all facets of our combat system integration work. We want to hear from suppliers with design expertise in combat system subsystems, encompassing fields such as systems engineering and design capabilities to support the design of the various subsystems of the combat system," said Vince Di Pietro, Chief Executive, Lockheed Martin Australia.

"Our approach is to maximise Australian industry involvement in the Program without compromising capability, cost, schedule or risk. It is a long-term program which will provide opportunities for innovation and sustainable business growth through the transfer of new technology and capability to Australian industry to build and sustain a sovereign submarine capability".

For companies who are not able to attend, Defence Connect will be recording the briefing as a podcast which will be available on their website after the scheduled event as well as on the Naval Group Industry and Innovation Portal: <https://innovation.naval-group.com.au/>

The Future Submarine industry briefings will continue around the nation in 2017, with the next briefing scheduled for 24 October in Darwin. You can register to attend the Darwin briefing here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/future-submarine-industry-briefing-darwin-tickets-36434777400>

About Naval Group

Naval Group is a European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energies. As an international high-tech company, Naval Group uses its extraordinary know-how, unique industrial resources and capacity to arrange innovative strategic partnerships to meet its clients' requirements. The Group designs, builds and supports submarines and surface ships. It also supplies services to shipyards and naval bases. In addition, the Group offers a wide range of marine renewable energy solutions. Attentive to corporate social responsibility, Naval Group adheres to the United Nations Global Compact. The Group reports revenues of €3.2 billion and has a workforce of 12,800 employees (2016 data).

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About Lockheed Martin Australia

Headquartered in Canberra, Lockheed Martin Australia is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation. The company employs more than 800 people in Australia working on a wide range of major programs spanning the aerospace, defence and civil sectors.

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