

NEWS RELEASE

Seaspan engages with Canadian suppliers at DEFSEC

As part of its participation in DEFSEC, Canada's second largest defence conference, Seaspan held an event outlining business opportunities for its growing domestic supply chain

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Halifax, NS – Yesterday, approximately 60 representatives from current and potential suppliers attended Seaspan Shipyards' (Seaspan) industry engagement event hosted in Halifax. At the event, participants received information on the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS) and the opportunities associated with the non-combat package of vessels being constructed at Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards.

As part of its NSS commitments, Seaspan has to date engaged more than 500 Canadian suppliers and assigned approximately \$650 million in committed contracts. The majority of these are with small- and medium-sized businesses. In all, Canadian suppliers make up more than 90 per cent of Seaspan's NSS-supply chain.

The NSS is designed to provide new opportunities for Canadian companies to become active suppliers for the shipbuilding industry. Through events like this and participation in DEFSEC, Seaspan is demonstrating its commitment to the continued development of a Canadian supply chain. With the recent start of construction on the Joint Support Ships (JSS) for the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), more opportunities will be available to Canadian companies which will help to create highly-skilled, middle-class jobs.

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"The National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS) is truly a pan-Canadian endeavour that is not only building ships, but rebuilding an industry. With the long-term and predictable nature of the NSS, Seaspan and its suppliers are able to plan for a bright future that is helping to employ thousands of Canadians now and in the years to come."

- Mark Lamarre, Chief Executive Officer, Seaspan Shipyards

QUICK FACTS

- Seaspan operates three yards with a combined workforce greater than 2,000 people across its yards in North Vancouver & Victoria
- To date, Seaspan has awarded nearly \$650M in contracts to approximately 520 Canadian companies, including more than \$25M with companies based in Nova Scotia
- On 2 October 2018, Seaspan announced two contracts worth \$8M with Hawboldt Industries
- DEFSEC is Atlantic Canada's largest defence industry related tradeshow and networking event
- DEFSEC has had an average of more than 1,100 delegates registered over the past three years and in 2017 had 434 separate companies and organizations represented

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ABOUT SEASPAN SHIPYARDS

With operations in North Vancouver and Victoria, Seaspan Shipyards is a leader in Canada's shipbuilding and ship repair industry. With modern facilities and a dedicated workforce, the company has proven itself to be a reliable partner on a range of complex projects for both government and the private sector.

Seaspan Shipyards is proud to be Canada's chosen non-combat shipbuilder under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). In this capacity, the company is building state-of-the-art ships in Canada for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS-related work, Seaspan Shipyards is creating jobs, generating economic benefits and rebuilding Canada's shipbuilding and marine industries.

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