

Community Investment

Request for Proposal : STEM Education



Introduction



BAE Systems Australia is the nation's largest and most diversified defence company. BAE Systems Australia employs over 4500 people across the country.

As an Australian defence industry leader, it is our goal to nurture and inspire the next generation of Australian engineers, technologists and innovators. We proudly work towards building capacity in jobs of the future through participating in programs to help Australia keep pace with growing demand for skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Scope



Through this Request for Proposal, we are seeking to identify Community Investment opportunities that support the future education of young people, both in school and unemployed, across multiple backgrounds. Of particular interest are community based groups working to lift diversity and inclusion in STEM on a national scale, with proven data metrics that show measurable impact to the community.

It is our intent to invest \$200,000 annually into community-based STEM initiative(s) through sponsorship(s) of successful organisations or consortia for a minimum two-year commitment.

A successful partner will be an organisation or consortia of organisations that can provide a national approach that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Actively engages females into STEM education, hobbies and careers.
- Engages Indigenous Australians enabling them to stay in education or seeking further STEM education and career opportunities .
- Supports low socio economic regions, offering support to young people keeping them safe, engaged in their communities and their education, and offers a variety of STEM career opportunities.

How proposals will be assessed



Proposals will need to be uploaded on BAE Systems Australia's Education and Skills portal on the Industry Capability Network accessible here: <http://BAESystemsSupplierPortal.icn.org.au> and include:

1. Please provide a presentation outlining your STEM education proposal in detail.
2. Describe your current geographic coverage, any plans to scale up, and any other dependencies.
3. Please provide your relevant corporate governance processes and organisational structure, including board membership.
4. Share your impact evaluation methodology.
5. Please declare any potential conflicts of interest, for all parties included in your proposal, that may impede successful execution of the partnership.
6. Outline your willingness and capacity to enter a sponsorship agreement with BAE Systems Australia (two years plus option to extend a further 12 months)
7. Describe your organisation's future ambition – what do you want to achieve in the STEM education space in the next 5 to 10 years?
8. Please provide details on ancillary services or products you can offer to support BAE Systems Australia's ambition to make a positive impact in the STEM education space – e.g. insight or trend reports, mentor training or opportunities for STEM volunteers etc
9. Please ensure you include the organisation details of all parties included in your proposal.

Closing date for submissions is Friday, 24 September 2021 at 24:00 ACST.

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