

# **\$10 million spend grows Boeing Australia's Indigenous supply chain**

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Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) has hit a significant \$10 million in accumulated Indigenous supply chain spend since 2012 as part of its growing relationships with the Indigenous Defence and Infrastructure Consortium (iDiC) and Supply Nation.

Celebrating Supplier Diversity September, BDA announced the milestone spending, with more than \$5 million of Indigenous supply chain spend recorded in the 2019/2020 financial year alone.

BDA vice president and managing director Scott Carpendale said the significant growth is the result of a commitment to working with Indigenous-owned businesses as part of its Reconciliation Action Plan and to maximising Australian industry content in its supply chain.

“Diversity is core to The Boeing Company’s values, allowing us to provide innovative solutions to our customers. Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is a clear demonstration of our determination to prepare Indigenous-owned businesses for growth in new and existing domestic and international markets,” said Carpendale.

“Building significant relationships with key suppliers as part of our RAP is a primary enabler to achieving that. The Indigenous businesses we have engaged form an integral part of our supply chain, and we are also committed to grow the capability of Australia’s Indigenous supply chain to a point that they can compete on a global stage.”

As a partner of the iDiC, BDA supported the development of TQCSI-Yaran to become the first Australian Indigenous-owned business to be accredited to certify companies to AS9100 series.

“Partnering with Boeing has allowed us to prove to a large and sophisticated organisation that an Indigenous-owned company can provide some of the most professional certification services in the country,” said Craig Bates, TQCSI-Yaran Principal.

BDA continues to grow its Indigenous footprint in Australia, and aims to hit a target of \$10 million annual Indigenous supply chain spend in the coming years.