SENEDIA and the Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium Forge Partnership with Defense Teaming Centre in Australia

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Defense Industry Organizations Sharing Commitment to Building Workforce and Expanding Capabilities Through AUKUS

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. – SENEDIA, the Alliance for Defense Tech, Talent, and Innovation, and the Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium (UTIC) have entered a partnership with the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) in Adelaide, South Australia. The partnership is the result of a shared, deep commitment to the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, United States) agreement aimed at promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific.

As partners, SENEDIA, UTIC, and DTC will share insights on their respective efforts related to workforce development, small business assistance, supply chain development, and

advanced research and commercialization. SENEDIA and UTIC will make some of their networking and education opportunities available to DTC members.

“The historic agreement made through AUKUS lays the foundation for the most significant integration of our undersea and military capabilities ever achieved between the United States, Australia, and the U.K,” said U.S. Senator Jack Reed (RI), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. “For this partnership to protect global security, improve the capabilities of our allies, and ensure effective collaboration across nations, we need these points of connection at every level of the defense ecosystem, including our industry leaders.”

“This new collaboration will deepen southern New England’s leadership in executing the historic AUKUS security agreement. SENEDIA’s support for job training and supply chain development perfectly fits the urgent requirements for Australia to uplift their submarine industrial base. Programs like eastern Connecticut’s Manufacturing Pipeline Initiative, which SENEDIA helps fund, is a great example of how the US can strengthen Australia’s maritime economy,” said Rep Joe Courtney, Ranking Member of the House Seapower Subcommittee and Co-Chair of the Congressional AUKUS Working Group.

“Individually and together, our organizations are focused on supporting our collective submarine shipbuilding and undersea technology ecosystems, including closing the gaps in human capital, cyber resiliency, and modernization of defense manufacturing capacity,” said Molly Donohue Magee, Chief Executive Officer of SENEDIA and UTIC. “DTC is as trusted a partner and leader in Australia as SENEDIA and UTIC are to our members in the United States, so we look forward to finding ways to work together to build the global industry workforce and expand capabilities across both nations.”

Like SENEDIA and UTIC, the Defence Teaming Centre is an

industry association focused on supporting and growing the defense sector. Based in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia's 'defense state', DTC brings together prime contractors, small and medium sized enterprises, academia, and professional service providers to collaborate for defense market opportunities and to meet Australia's defense needs. Seven of out ten of the world's leading defense businesses have a presence in Adelaide.

"The Australian defense sector is rapidly evolving to help our nation capitalize on the opportunities presented by AUKUS and to meet our obligations as a strategic partner," said Libby Day, CEO of the Defence Teaming Centre. "Our alliance with SENEDIA and UTIC will facilitate shared knowledge and innovation and introduce efficiencies that we can leverage to ensure the safety of our nations and the health of our industries."

To learn more about these organizations, visit www.SENEDIA.org, www.underseatech.org, and www.dtc.org.au.