

DEW Engineering and Development awarded \$130 million contract to manufacture military shelters

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DEW Engineering and Development ULC of Ottawa, Ontario and Miramichi, New Brunswick today announced the award of a \$130 million contract with the Department of National Defence resulting from a competitive bid solicitation. The contract runs for four years and involves the design and manufacture of 895 baseline shelters. The contract includes engineering data and integrated logistics support with an option for up to 110 more shelters. The Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay formally announced this important program today at DEW's Miramichi facility as part of the Canada First Defence Strategy.

DEW Engineering, teamed with Weatherhaven of Vancouver as their primary partner, along with other Canadian companies has created a "Team Canada" approach to this program creating or maintaining 230 jobs throughout all regions of Canada. The shelters have onboard power and HVAC systems and are fully transportable by land, sea and air according to ISO standards allowing for rapid deployment anywhere required by DND.

"Initially DEW was approached by several large international firms who wanted to partner with DEW to bring their products to Canada", said Tim Dear – President of DEW Engineering. " This immediately caused me to first question is there the technical, financial and management capability within Canada to pursue this work? The answer to that question as evidenced here today is clearly yes."

Both DEW and Weatherhaven expect that the shelters that will be produced for this program for DND have both the potential to be utilized as offsets against other DND programs – creating additional export jobs – and could be utilized to both support and enhance the recently announced Northern Strategy of the Government of Canada.

This contract, like all contracts of this magnitude must meet Canada's Industrial and Regional Benefit policy which requires 100% direct and indirect Canadian Content, and DEW is fully committed to achieving this requirement as evidenced by the Canadian companies across Canada that will derive benefits from this procurement.

DEW Engineering and Development was established in 1978 to provide a vehicle systems engineering and manufacturing capability for the Department of National Defence and other government agencies. Today DEW is a growth oriented company employing more than 400 people in Ottawa and Miramichi. In addition to providing support to military agencies and companies in Canada, DEW is a foremost supplier of proprietary IED protective armour products to worldwide vehicle manufacturers.



Minister of National Defence announces contract to DEW Engineering and Development ULC for military shelters. Left to Right: Minister Ashfield, Tim Dear, Minister MacKay, MP Tilley O'Neill-Gordon, and Ray Castelli in front of the new shelter.

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