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iDiC and Boeing Australia Sign groundbreaking head agreement to advance Indigenous businesses



A world first Agreement

Pictured: Scott Carpendale, BDA vice president and managing director, and Adam Goodes, iDiC CEO and Director, sign a relational head agreement.

Indigenous Defence and Infrastructure Consortium (iDiC) and Boeing Australia have signed a head agreement based on relational management principles to grow and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-owned and controlled businesses.

The world-first agreement with an Indigenous business will see both companies operate as one. The agreement is based upon a shared vision of delivering Black Excellence, relational objectives, guiding principles and intended behaviours. This will ensure the engagement of Indigenous-owned businesses is elevated from a transactional relationship to that of a true strategic partnership.

iDiC & BDA

The groundbreaking, five-year head agreement will standardise the contracts between the two businesses and make it easier for all of Boeing's Australian subsidiaries to engage Indigenous small and medium enterprises.

"We have been working with Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) since 2017 and in that time we have engaged 20 different Indigenous businesses to deliver services to Boeing," said Adam Goodes, iDiC CEO and Director and 2014 Australian of the year.

During this time, BDA has grown what it spends with Indigenous businesses to more than \$10million a year and it expects this figure to increase significantly now that all of its Australian subsidiaries can engage Indigenous owned businesses under the agreement.

"BDA has shown true leadership and commitment in its push for genuine and sustainable reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the wider community in Australia," said Goodes.

"Our shared vision of: 'One team delivering sustainable operational expertise built on a culture of trust and innovation, driving first-time quality and Black Excellence' underpins all that we do together.

"We jointly define Black Excellence as the mindset, backed by continuous action, to look within ourselves and act in ways that progress our communities without discrediting the effect of forces outside of our communities. This includes someone who is black and portrays great qualities and abilities that make our community proud. We are committed to expanding Indigenous participation to provide opportunities for Black Excellence to shine."

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Boosting Indigenous prospects

"In addition, this unique agreement further builds on our joint work towards boosting Indigenous education and employment prospects."

iDiC identifies business opportunities for its Indigenous business consortium partners and provides turnkey solutions to prime contractors delivering nation-building projects in the infrastructure and defence industries.

"Boeing and iDiC have worked together to create a true partnership based on trust and aligned values," said Goodes. "To have a partner like Boeing, who is prepared to look outside the square and approach things differently, is a great feat for Indigenous businesses."

The Indigenous Defence & Infrastructure Consortium (iDiC) is a single-point deployment project and account manager, providing a diverse range of services via its consortium partners, all of whom are Indigenous-owned businesses. With a national footprint, the iDiC has proven capability in a range of direct and indirect procurement services to support large defence and infrastructure projects.

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