



# MAINE DEFENSE INDUSTRY FACT SHEET

In the air, on land, on the seas, or in the stars, Maine's defense community has a proud history of safeguarding America at home and abroad.

Maine has a uniquely diverse cluster, including large prime contractors, construction companies, and small businesses producing components and services.

## 20,000+ JOBS

The defense supply chain employs over 20,000 Mainers; more than half are in the marine/naval sector with aerospace, construction, engineering, and machining also having significant impact.

## 150+ COMPANIES

More than 150 Maine companies sell directly into the defense supply chain.

## 9TH

Maine ranks ninth in the nation in terms of defense spending as a percent of GDP at 4.3%.\*

Maine is a member and co-chair of the New England Regional Defense Industry Collaboration (NERDIC), a collaboration of the six New England states that targets and supports small and medium manufacturers, especially in traditionally underserved parts of the supply chain that are most vulnerable to falling behind in technology and security.

## JOBS MULTIPLIER

The defense cluster in Maine has strong economic linkages with other sectors in the state. Every 100 direct jobs created in the defense industry supports another 99 jobs in the Maine economy.\*\*

## 10% OF MAINE'S GDP

The Maine defense cluster generated \$8.4 billion (10% of the total Maine GDP) in economic output in 2022.\*\*

## \$8.8 BILLION

From 2020 to 2022, 924 private Maine companies received prime DOD/DHS contracts worth \$8.8 billion.\*\*

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\* Source: Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Fiscal Year 2022 Defense Spending by State [September 2023]

\*\* Source: Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) report "The Economic Impact of the Defense Cluster in New England" [May 2023]