

# R&D Information Session

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## AIAC Pacific – regional office of national association

- Initiative led by BC Aerospace Industry
  - desire for BC industry to have stronger link to national programs
  - approached national association to get involved regionally
- Emerson and Jenkins reports
- B.C. Government – 2013 campaign commitment:  
*“Leverage the Federal Industrial Regional Benefits Program to attract global aerospace and defense contractors to B.C. This would be assisted by an investment of \$5 million over five years to kick start the development of a unified B.C. aerospace cluster to attract investment and integrated contract sourcing from global firms.”*
- AIAC opened B.C. office in December 2013 – “AIAC Pacific”

## AIAC Pacific in 2014 – Year One

- Established office in B.C.
- Successfully delivered the 2014 Aerospace, Defence and Security Expo (ADSE) at the Abbotsford International Airshow
- Conducted Economic Impact Analysis and Capabilities Study of B.C. Aerospace Industry
- Joined National Supply Chain Working Group
- Led six delegations domestically and internationally to promote B.C. aerospace industry
- Negotiated agreement for AIAC Pacific to serve as regional office for CARIC

## B.C. Government – following through in year 2

- *“We need to support a growing economy, and growing international trade. That includes moving forward with the Province’s commitment to provide \$5 million over five years to further expand and grow B.C.’s world-class aerospace cluster. The second installment of funding will continue the work that has been launched, aimed at expanding markets and attracting more global business and investment to B.C.”*

Hon. Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance  
B.C. Budget Speech, February 17, 2015

- 2015/16 agreement expected to be concluded by end of week
- Aerospace identified in BC Jobs Plan as key strategic sector in the B.C. economy

## AIAC Pacific's goals for the industry

- Improve competitiveness of the B.C. aerospace sector, enhance presence in the global supply chain
- Increase access to R&D investment and know-how
- Identify and enhance global market opportunities for B.C. companies

## Key Industrial Capabilities (KICs) for B.C.

- Space
- Advanced Manufacturing
- ISS-MRO
- Special Mission Aircraft
- Pilot Training

## AIAC Pacific's goals - communications & member engagement

- Promote B.C. aerospace industry – globally, nationally and provincially
- Ensure members are kept informed about industry developments and opportunities
- AIAC Pacific Membership
  - \$250 per year
  - Free to end of 2015 with ADSE registration

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