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Government launches IDEaS Program – looking for proposals

On April 9, the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, launched the [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security](#) (IDEaS) Program and its first Call for Proposals for Competitive Projects.

According to information shared with ITAC:

- IDEaS will revolutionize the way DND generates solutions to complex challenges.
- Through IDEaS, DND will invest \$1.6 billion into the external innovation community over the next 20 years, accessing innovation from the most creative minds external to DND, whether they are individual inventors, researchers working in academic institutions or small or major companies.
- The program introduces new means of engaging innovators and will stimulate their work through a range of activities including competitions, contests, networks and mechanisms to engage with DND and show and test proposed solutions.

The first Call for Proposals announced for Competitive Projects reveals 16 defence and security challenges for which innovators can propose solutions.

Details about IDEaS, the first Call for Proposals, current and future opportunities, and tips for innovators to engage with DND can be found at the [IDEaS website](#).

For all the latest news on IDEaS you can follow the Ministry on Twitter @nationaldefence, @CanadianForces #DefenceIDEaS.

