

## Backgrounder

### Government of Canada calls on innovative thinkers to solve defence and security challenges

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On April 9, 2018, in support of Canada’s defence policy [Strong, Secure, Engaged](#), the Department of National Defence (DND) launched the [Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security \(IDEaS\) program](#). IDEaS provides new opportunities to support innovators and innovation in Canada. It will create innovation networks, and facilitate the integration and adoption of new capabilities for the Canadian Armed Forces and public safety and security communities.

The first IDEaS call for proposals, under the Competitive Projects element, seeks to resolve 16 important challenges. Under this call, Defence will invest up to \$50 million in various defence and security domains.

This open competition will run until May 24, 2018. Interested parties may submit their proposals [online](#) using the submission tool. The call for proposals is being administered by Public Services and Procurement Canada on behalf of DND. After a rigorous evaluation process, the initial selected proposals will be announced in Fall 2018.

