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# Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience (PIPIR) JUNE 1, 2025

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience, also known as PIPIR, is a multilateral forum of 14 Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic partners collaborating to accelerate Indo-Pacific contributions to global defense industrial base resilience. Working with industry, capital providers, and non-government stakeholders, PIPIR is creating a trusted ecosystem of information exchange, technical cooperation, supply chain resilience, and co-production and co-sustainment collaboration. Launched in May 2024, PIPIR has progressed to identify concrete opportunities that enhance combined lethality, leverage shared capabilities, and strengthen the defense industrial base. These outcomes directly support President Trump's Peace through Strength agenda. They also help deliver on Secretary Hegseth's commitment to rebuild the military and reestablish deterrence by reviving the United States' defense industrial base to rapidly provide and enhance the capabilities of the U.S., and its allies and partners.

That is why, during his Keynote Address at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore on May 31, 2025, Secretary Hegseth endorsed PIPIR and announced two marquee projects under this initiative, including one on the development of standards for small unmanned aerial systems across the Indo-Pacific and another that expands the sustainment capability of the P-8 AN/APY-10 radar system to Australia. Beyond these marquee initiatives, PIPIR is pursuing efforts related to co-production, barrier reduction through policy changes, and more.

### IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO COLLABORATION

PIPIR is harnessing the knowledge and experience of its members, as well as industry, private capital, and key non-governmental stakeholders, to identify and address challenges impacting defense industrial collaboration by:

- ▶ Launching the first multilateral Indo-Pacific-focused defense industrial base (DIB) seminar, hosted by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS). The seminar is designed to support a more resilient and integrated DIB by educating fellows and providing opportunities to test and apply their knowledge via a cohort project identifying options to solve or manage acute issues impeding regional multilateral DIB cooperation.
- ► Conducting surveys of governments, armed forces, private sector, and industry to identify and understand the structural challenges associated with defense industrial collaboration projects in the Indo-Pacific. Survey insights have helped offer innovative solutions which are actively shaping policy engagements and proposal and project development.
- ▶ Pursuing multilateral tabletop exercises (TTX) and wargame scenarios to test opportunities and barriers to a coordinated global industrial base capable of supporting key component production and rapid repair and redeployment of critical capabilities owing to national policies, agreements, and arrangements in the Indo-Pacific.

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## **FOCUSING COLLABORATION ON OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The United States is supporting operational concepts and requirements by:

- Advancing initiatives that address the needs of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific, such as expanding P-8 radar repair capability and capacity in Australia. Expanding the repair capability and capacity for the P-8 AN/APY-10 radar system to Australia a function currently limited to the Continental United States (CONUS) is a critical step toward regional readiness and resilience. Creating a regional sustainment hub accessible to all P-8 operators, whether permanently stationed in the Indo-Pacific or deployed in response to crises, reduces reliance on CONUS-based support. It equally reduces time and distance for transport repair, mitigating some of the key risks associated with a contested logistics environment, while simultaneously enhancing operational flexibility and allied interoperability in the region.
- ▶ Developing sustainable, innovative methods for deploying and maintaining our forces globally, including by working through the Regional Sustainment Framework (RSF) to expand existing contracts for U.S. Army Watercraft repair to bring in more providers and expand existing repair capability more broadly across the Indo-Pacific theater.
- ▶ Applying lessons learned from the conflict in Ukraine to target systems that are critical to modern warfare, such as uncrewed systems. By pursuing two small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) projects, PIPIR is developing standards across the Indo-Pacific and identifying secure sources of production for critical sUAS components an initiative that will directly contribute to global supply chain resilience for a vital set of systems for U.S. operations.

## **ACCELERATING DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION**

The United States, in collaboration with PIPIR members, is seeking opportunities to accelerate cooperation by:

- Holding Technical Exchanges to scope areas of opportunity focusing on near-term needs and feasibility of collaboration. Through this process, PIPIR has identified small unmanned aerial systems as an area for near-term collaboration and is facilitating conversations on supply chain vulnerabilities and opportunities among partners for improving the security of commercial and military uncrewed small aircraft, driving down costs, and incentivizing investment.
- ▶ Working with industry, industry associations, and non-government partners to identify areas of opportunity for bilateral or multilateral co-production or co-sustainment by executing industry engagement events and leveraging public-private roundtable forums to exchange ideas, discuss requirements and barriers, and aggregate demand to signal industry and build confidence.