

READY AT THE EDGE

Newfoundland and Labrador's Defence Industrial Base is Canada's mission-ready position in the North Atlantic and gateway to the Arctic.



Our location is Canada's superpower

Newfoundland and Labrador sits where Canada meets the North Atlantic, providing the country's most reliable southern gateway to Arctic maritime operations.

From here, the Arctic is closer, Europe is closer, and operations face fewer seasonal constraints.



Flying time to Europe
4.5 Hours

St. John's to London
3,700 km

Labrador coast → Arctic Circle:
~1,800 km



Strategically positioned to deliver critical value to Canada's defence, industrial, and sovereignty priorities

The Strategic Reality:

With deep expertise, First Nations partnerships, and scalable capability, we are ready to meet the moment from a position like nowhere else in Canada. This is not a future proposition. These capabilities exist today and align directly with Canada's defence needs.

Newfoundland and Labrador has supported Allied and continental defence operations for generations.

During both the Second World War and Cold War, facilities at Gander, Goose Bay, and Argentia were integral to trans-Atlantic, NATO, and continental defence.

Today, our ice free ports, forward airfields, large scale industrial capacity, and proven testing environments come together in one place.

We are Ready at the Edge.

People, Expertise, and Partnerships

14,000+ skilled tradespeople experienced in harsh environments

Proven ability to scale large, complex, defence-adjacent projects

First Nations partnerships and ownership of marine infrastructure is driving success and scale in marine sustainment

Northern knowledge grounded in lived experience



Newfoundland and Labrador has what Canada needs

NORAD-aligned Forward Operating Location

5 Wing Goose Bay enables rapid Arctic and North Atlantic air defence, fighter deployment, and continental response.

60+ active deep-water, largely ice-free ports

Year-round access supporting naval logistics, sustainment, ship repair, construction, and dual-use marine industries.

Two NATO DIANA test centers

Real-world testing of ocean, ice, wave, and marine technologies in harsh operating conditions.

National-scale fabrication capacity at Bull Arm

Atlantic Canada's largest fabrication site with deep-water access for large-scale marine and industrial projects.

Established ship repair and refit ecosystem

Strategically located capacity supporting government, commercial, offshore energy, and defence fleets.

Atlantic Coast Guard headquarters and heavy icebreaker fleet

Anchoring federal maritime safety, security, and year-round Arctic access from Canada's east coast.

Defence firms embedded in allied supply chains

Delivering mission-critical capabilities across CAF, NORAD, and NATO programs.



Now is the time

Generational national investment creates an opportunity to align proven capability with Canada's expanding defence priorities. The location, strategic assets and capability exist right here, today.

READY AT THE **EDGE**

A coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador business leaders, operators, engineers, and innovators across defence, marine, aerospace, and advanced technology.

Ready at the Edge —
just as we've always been.

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