Who We Are

The National Defense Industrial Association drives strategic dialogue in national security by identifying key issues and leveraging the knowledge and experience of its military, government, industry, and academic members to address them.

For more than 100 years, NDIA has been at the forefront of addressing complex defense and national security issues by providing a forum for government and industry leaders to collaborate and arrive at innovative solutions in support of its mission.

NDIA’s team of professionals—based in Arlington, VA—strives to ensure that the most relevant topics concerning industry and government are addressed at our meetings and events. The Division and Chapter structure provides a dynamic and information-rich resource that represents perspectives and expertise in all areas of national security and defense.

With 1,760 corporate members and 63,000 individual members, NDIA embodies the full spectrum of national security and defense professionals who advocate for the best policies, practices, products, and technology to ensure the safety and security of our nation.

Mission

NDIA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that engages thoughtful and innovative leaders to promote the best policies, practices, products, and technology for warfighters and others who ensure the safety and security of our nation.

- NDIA champions issues that reinforce the strength, resiliency, and capacity of the defense industrial base.
- NDIA builds a vigorous and responsive community in support of defense and national security.
- NDIA convenes legal and ethical forums for the exchange of information, viewpoints, and capabilities.

Vision

NDIA is the trusted leader among defense and national security associations.

Strategic Priorities

Securing Budget Stability and Sufficiency | Advancing DoD Digital Modernization | Facilitating Foreign Military Sales Modernization and Technology Integration with Allies and Partners | Restoring Industrial Readiness, Capacity, and Infrastructure | Enabling more Resilient Supply Chains

Divisions, Industrial Committees, and Working Groups

NDIA’s 27 Divisions, three Industrial Committees, and ad-hoc Working Groups constitute a robust defense industrial-government network that drives the future of defense through education and collaboration.

Policy

Through NDIA, members of industry collectively address policy issues that affect the defense and national security communities. Issues range from acquisition reform to cybersecurity, innovation, and government-industry collaboration.

Chapters and Affiliates

Located in regions of concentrated defense work, NDIA’s 28 Chapters collaborate with government and industry to facilitate important discussions of local issues critical to our national defense. NDIA’s affiliated organizations are the Emerging Technologies Institute (ETI), the National Training and Simulation Association (NTSA), and Women In Defense (WID).