

# Hi-tech defence jobs on the way

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A GLOBAL defence company with its Australian headquarters in Adelaide is set to create hundreds of hi-tech jobs across Australia following a major military contract win.

Saab Australia, which has a Mawson Lakes base, is undertaking a recruitment drive to attract software, hardware, systems and cyber security engineers. The move comes hot on the heels of the Federal Government's choice of Saab to deliver its combat management system for the Royal Australian Navy's fleet of nine future frigates

"We are looking to significantly increase our workforce from 350 to around 600, following the Government's decision to support our key role in Australia's growing defence industry," said Andy Keough, managing director of Saab Australia.

"Our recruitment drive is nationwide, providing opportunities across a broad spectrum of defence and civil projects and extensive research and development. Our plans are long term, offering careers, not just jobs."

The recruitment drive follows Saab's announcement in May that it is to invest about \$40 million to establish a defence institute at Mawson Lakes in partnership with UniSA. The move is expected to create more than 200 new jobs in Adelaide alone, in preparation for the state's expected defence jobs boom.

The new institute would also oversee joint research between UniSA researchers and Saab engineers on new technology.