

THREE MANUFACTURERS AWARDED \$2.1 IN SOVEREIGN CAPABILITY GRANTS

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Axiom Precision Manufacturing, M & I Samaras and Jehbco Manufacturing have collectively been awarded \$2,092,340 in [Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority grants](#). Axiom and M & I were awarded \$1 million each, and Jehbco \$92,340 (see below.) Adelaide's Axiom Precision Manufacturing began in 1979 as Diemould Tooling, an automotive supplier. It started [producing face shields last year for protecting health and aged care workers from Covid-19](#).

The SICP grant, the second it has been awarded, would help Axiom invest in precision welding.

“Our other two awardees, M. & I. Samaras and Jehbco Manufacturing, are on their own journey to provide improved quality and precision capabilities to our ADF,” said defence industry minister Melissa Price in a statement.

“Australian companies have world-leading capabilities and this program ensures companies like Axiom, M. & I. Samaras and Jehbco Manufacturing can continue to grow, avoiding Australian reliance on foreign companies for crucial Defence technologies and components.

[The SICP is a program offering](#) between \$70,000 to \$1.4 million for up to 70 per cent of the cost of a project building “capabilities aligned with Defence’s Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities.” It is open to SMEs (under 200 employees.)

More information on SICP grants is available [here](#).

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Company	Grant Amount	Grant Funding Purpose
Axiom Precision Manufacturing	\$1,000,000	Development of capability to weld high precision structures, as well as to weld armoured steel whilst maintaining its mechanical properties.
M. & I. Samaras (No 3)	\$1,000,000	Development and installation of a robotic assembly and welding line, designed for heavy engineering, equipped with advanced manufacturing capabilities as required by the shipbuilding program.
Jehbco Manufacturing	\$92,340	Purchase and commission of capital equipment, as well as upgrades to overall security, that will facilitate significant productivity gains through reducing manufacturing time, improving quality and precision.