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Fleet Space Technologies signs multi-million dollar defence agreement

Adelaide-based company Fleet Space Technologies has secured a \$6.4 million contract with Australia's Defence Space Command.

The agreement, named ASCEND2LEO, will see Fleet's next generation of Centauri satellites used to develop and demonstrate a Low-Earth Orbit satellite communications system focused on tactical communications and data transmission where connectivity is limited.

Director of Space Services at Defence Space Command Clifford White said the partnership would help the command achieve its aim of defending Australia.

"Space is operationally critical to the achievement of the defence mission, and this is an example of innovative ways to advance our capability and support the development of a sustainable national space enterprise," White said.