



INDIGENOUS Defense Supply Chain PILOT PROGRAM

Event Invitation

<p>CANSEC 2026 Networking Reception May 26th – 5:30pm to 7:30pm Invest Ottawa</p>	<p>49North AN MDA SPACE BUSINESS</p> <p>Reception Sponsor: 49North</p>
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More than 50 Indigenous Suppliers and support organizations are taking part in Cando's Indigenous Defense Supply Chain Pilot Program

April 17, 2026 – Enoch, Alberta – Cando

The Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando) in collaboration with the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association (NACCA) with the support of the Government of Canada, launched the **Indigenous Defense Supply Chain Pilot Program for CANSEC 2026**.

Cando and NACCA in collaboration with Invest Ottawa, invite you to a Network Reception to meet with Indigenous Suppliers from throughout Canada. Come meet with representatives from Cando and NACCA and connect with Indigenous entrepreneurs and business owners who are bid-ready and are positioned to work with you to advance your Indigenous engagement. Additionally, connect with regional Indigenous support organizations from Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nunavut that will be in attendance.

- Connect with Indigenous community and business leaders, entrepreneurs and potential suppliers and partners.
- Learn about Cando's Indigenous-focused space at CANSEC 2026.
- Learn about Cando's and NACCA's supports for Indigenous supply chain and partnerships

EVENT DETAILS:

- **MAY 26, 2026 - 5:30PM TO 7:30PM**
- **INVEST OTTAWA – 7 Bayview Station Rd, Ottawa**



About the Indigenous Defense Supply Chain Pilot:

The **Indigenous Defense Supply Chain Pilot** focused on organizing Indigenous communities, businesses, and support organizations and provided skills and training required to participate in **Canada's \$30 - 40 billion** national defense and security supply chain.

Whether supporting in-community manufacturing and warehousing, or businesses that provide services from manufacturing and machining, to cleaning or IT services, Indigenous communities, and businesses can be a critical part of the national supply chain.

About CANSEC 2026:

Canadian Association of Defense and Security Industries (**CANSEC**) 2026. Canada's premier defense and security trade show will take place on May 27-28th at the EY Centre in Ottawa. Hosted by the Canadian Association of Defense and Security Industries (**CADSI**), the event showcases cutting-edge technologies for military, security, and emergency sectors, featuring over 280 exhibitors and drawing key decision-makers, government officials, and international delegations. It offers unparalleled networking, business development, and insight into the latest advancements in defense and security.

About Cando:

Cando (The Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers) is committed to building economic capacity in Indigenous communities by providing professional support and technical advice to communities, organizations and individuals. Cando is a federally registered, non-profit society that is Indigenous controlled, community based, and membership drive

About Invest Ottawa:

Invest Ottawa helps accelerate your growth and success, leverage the best programs, people and places, and make your mark in Ottawa, a global tech hub and collaborative business community.

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