

## Hon Steven Marshall MP

Premier

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### Promoting SA industry at the 'Sea-Air-Space' Exposition in Washington D.C.

Premier Steven Marshall will today attend the largest maritime exposition in the United States, 'SeaAir-Space' in Washington D.C, to promote South Australia as Australia's key defence and space destination.

"Our state has a strong defence pedigree and is leading the way with major defence projects, including the Collins Class Submarines and Air Warfare Destroyers, and with the \$50 billion Attack class submarine program and \$35 billion Hunter class frigate fleet," said Premier Marshall.

"This exposition brings together defence and maritime giants and provides the opportunity for constructive talks between government and industry to bolster relationships and drive growth across this sector which is crucial to the South Australian economy.

"I'll be focused on strengthening our relationships with key international defence companies to ensure South Australian businesses are in the best position to maximise supply chain opportunities on these major projects."

Premier Steven Marshall, who will visit Team Defence Australia and meet with representatives from key US defence companies, says the exposition provides direct access to all the major international players across the defence and maritime industries.

"Sea-Air-Space' is sponsored by Raytheon, BAE Systems and Boeing, all of whom already have a presence in South Australia, and it's crucial we attract even more of these companies to tap into our thriving defence ecosystem."

Premier Marshall will also meet with NASA's Associate Administrator for International and Interagency Relations, Al Condes, at NASA's Washington headquarters.

The Premier says the meeting presents an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the relationship with the United States within the space sector and explore opportunities for collaboration in the future.

"South Australia now has the genuine capacity to lead the way in the space sector nationally and internationally, so it's crucial we forge relationships with giants of the industry like NASA, to maximise the potential for future growth."