Opportunity runs deep.
Innovative technologies are changing the game.

Advancements in data analytics, advanced materials, autonomous systems, advanced manufacturing, energy management, and cyber and electronic warfare technologies will be transformative to naval industries.

Canada’s National Shipbuilding Strategy is a long-term project to renew its federal fleet of combat and non-combat vessels – integrating these technological advancements.

The Government of Canada estimates that contracts awarded through the National Shipbuilding Strategy will contribute nearly $6 billion of gross domestic product. That’s a large opportunity.

The Nova Scotia Advantage

WE’RE BUILDERS: Canada’s next generation of combat vessels are being built here - a contract valued at $25 billion over the next 30 years - through Canada’s National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy.

WE’RE DEFENDERS: Canada’s largest naval base is Canadian Forces Base Halifax, which is home to Canada’s Atlantic Fleet. Once other military bases around the province are considered, we have the highest concentration of military assets of any province in Canada.

WE’RE IN FORMATION: Attracted by a significant military presence, 12 of the world’s top defence companies operate here in areas such as shipbuilding, in-service support, sonar and sensing, training and simulation, cyber security, and more.

WE’RE INNOVATORS: With 10 research-driven universities, world-class ocean research institutions, and a competitive tax credit, Nova Scotia is one of the best places in Canada to conduct R&D – just ask any one of the top defence companies addressing their offset requirements here.

WE’RE COST-COMPETITIVE: KPMG ranks Halifax, Nova Scotia, among the lowest overall operating costs in ocean technologies.

Give Us One Day

WE’RE CONNECTORS: We invite you to visit Nova Scotia. In just one day, we’ll introduce you to who you need to know - from government partners, to operational support experts, to university faculty. We have people on the ground in all regions of Nova Scotia, as well as a network of global connections.

Nova Scotia has a vibrant eco-system, innovative infrastructure, and unique opportunities. We are built for marine defence.
The ocean is a well of opportunity.

And Nova Scotia is uniquely positioned to take advantage of that opportunity.

We have the highest per capita concentration of companies in North America involved in acoustics, sensors and instrumentation. And in 2011, 60 identified Nova Scotian ocean technology companies reported over $1 billion in revenue—a 200% increase over two years.

But the ocean isn’t the only thing that sets Nova Scotia apart.

Our location on Canada’s east coast—in between the United States and Europe—offers global reach, along with modern infrastructure, multi-modal transportation and logistic assets.

Then you have the people. With the highest number of universities per capita, Nova Scotia is Canada’s education capital. If you need talent, we’ve got it.

And finally, the lifestyle. There’s no shortage of culture and charm in our province and, combined with an affordable cost of living, that means you’ll never feel happier than when you’re at home in Nova Scotia.

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Located in Halifax, on the world’s second largest natural harbour, the Centre for Ocean Ventures & Entrepreneurship (COVE) is a collaborative facility for applied innovation in the ocean sector.

Our mission is to propel the ocean economy by providing high quality marine infrastructure and a collaborative space in which a community of ocean enterprises can prosper.

This hub of activity will be home to local and global ocean technology businesses, post-secondary institutions, researchers, and marine-based and service businesses that support the ocean sector.

Members of COVE will have unparalleled access to the ocean, shared facilities and some of the leading minds in the sector.

COVE is a place where innovations will be developed and brought to market. It is a place where we can truly discover all the ocean has to offer.
COVE Offers
50,000+ square feet of leasable space across three properties and 2,850 feet of linear access to the water via two piers.

Research and Development
We have Canada’s largest Centre for Ocean Research with 600 researchers, technicians, and engineers.

Coastal Community
We are home to over 300 ocean-related companies and more than 450+ ocean-related PhDs.

Products and Services
Nove Scotia’s products and services are in demand in more than 90 countries.

Ocean Tracking Network
Nova Scotia-based Ocean Tracking Network is monitoring more than 140 marine species worldwide.

Ultimate Access
50 feet of water depth giving tenants the ability to conduct harbour floor testing.

Deep Pockets
Globally, oceans-related business activities generate $3 trillion in revenues.