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## VIC SMEs chosen for Land 400

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BAE Systems Australia has announced agreements with Victorian defence industry worth more than \$200 million as part of its bid for Land 400 Phases 2 (Army Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle replacement).

The agreement covers upgrade and maintenance of the AMV35 vehicles during their decades of service should BAE be successful in its bid. Rheinmetall Defence Australia is also contesting the bid with its Boxer CRV. The work will be performed by various industry partners including Marand, MOOG Australia, Motec, AME Systems, RUAG Australia, DVR Engineering, Milspec and APV.

LAND 400 teaming partner Marand will manufacture the hulls of the AMV35 while the other Victorian suppliers will contribute specialist manufacturing expertise including heavy fabrication, electronic systems and complex assemblies.

BAE Systems has committed to producing the AMV35 locally and will invest 20,000 hours to transfer the advanced manufacturing knowledge and capability to the Australian workforce, ensuring long lasting employment and enduring Sovereign capabilities.

"Victoria's defence industry is recognised for its world class capabilities and the companies that we have selected as partners have proven experience and leading edge manufacturing capabilities," BAE Systems Australia Chief Executive Glynn Phillips said. "Australian production, future upgrades and support of these world class vehicles will create long-term jobs and deliver strong, sustainable economic benefits throughout the community."

The Company has not yet made a decision regarding the location of the vehicle manufacturing facility and said in a statement that further announcements about partnerships with leading SMEs in other states and territories will be made soon.

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