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## **Boeing signs MOU with NIOA to support Australian ARH Replacement program**

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Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with NIOA to support the cannon and ammunition system for the AH-64E Apache.

Australian-owned NIOA is the largest privately-owned company supplying weapons, ammunition and technical support to military, law enforcement and commercial markets.

The MoU formalises the business' collaborative arrangement and reinforces BDA's commitment to maximising sovereign support services to the Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) replacement program.

"NIOA brings industry-leading, sovereign capability to our solution," said BDA Director of Supply Chain Management, Nick Gothard.

"BDA has a proven track record of increasing Australian Industry Capability on all its aircraft support programs, including the F/A-18F Super Hornet, EA-18G Growler, CH-47F Chinook and P-8A Poseidon through the contribution of highly capable industry partners like NIOA."

NIOA Chief Executive Officer, Robert Nioa said working with Boeing as the munitions partner for the Apache presents an exceptional new opportunity for NIOA.

"We will be providing the next generation of ammunition to provide the optimal capability to the men and women of the Australian Defence Force," said Nioa.