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Jobs, investment and defence focus of SA's business mission to US

New jobs, investment and export opportunities for South Australia are the focus of a State Government business mission to the US, starting today.

Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith will lead the week-long mission to New York, Washington DC, San Francisco and Los Angeles which will feature a series of investment meetings including the IASA Advisory Board meeting, while Minister Hamilton-Smith will participate in the American Chamber of Commerce's defence and aerospace program.

The AmCham program includes further work with key US defence and space companies, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin and NASA. It follows earlier meetings in Adelaide at the recent Space Congress on, ground-breaking innovations in defence and aerospace technology, from submarines to satellites.

The US business program will also feature an investment roundtable on Wall Street presentations by the State's Investment Attraction agency. Investors will be showcased new opportunities in SA in defence, space, cyber security, renewable energy, Smart Cities and food and agriculture.

Background

Key events include an investment roundtable in New York with potential US investors hosted by the Investment Attraction Advisory Board's chairman Rob Chapman., and negotiations with several companies who have already proposed projects for SA.

Minister Hamilton-Smith will also explore opportunities for jobs growth and global supply chain work in aerospace and unmanned aerial system projects, including Boeing's P-8 Poseidon spiral program and Lockheed Martin's F35-Joint Strike Fighter program.

Quotes attributable to Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith

South Australia has secured some high-profile US investments recently, including Tesla, Boeing and Buddy Platform, which combined will create an estimated 330 local jobs.

This mission is a timely opportunity to leverage these relationships and boost awareness of the many investment opportunities our State offers.

South Australia is fast-becoming a hub of high tech applications and ground-breaking technology including unmanned aerial systems, cyber intelligence and space innovation. It is important we continue the momentum and explore new supply chain opportunities and capitalise on upcoming defence projects to create new jobs and investment in the state.