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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL  
BREAKFAST

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9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

UTIC WELCOME

- MS. MOLLY DONOHUE MAGEE, UTIC CEO
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9:10 AM - 9:40 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- MR. DAVID EYRE  
SENIOR MARITIME ADVISOR DEFENCE SA,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- 

9:40 AM - 10:10 AM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- DR. PETER ABBOTT - BRITISH CONSUL  
GENERAL TO NEW ENGLAND
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10:10 AM - 10:30 AM

BREAK

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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

US NAVY PERSPECTIVE

- MS. MARIE BUSSIÈRE  
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, NAVAL  
UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER  
DIVISION NEWPORT
  - MS. MEGANNE ATKINS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
THE NAVY, AUKUS INTEGRATION AND  
ACQUISITION OFFICE
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11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

LUNCH BREAK



# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA - AUKUS PERSPECTIVE**

- AUKUS PILLAR 1 AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND SHIPBUILDING OPPORTUNITIES
  - WHY SOUTH AUSTRALIA
  - DEFENCE INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP
  - TRAVELING INDUSTRY INTRODUCTIONS
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2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**BREAK**

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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**AUKUS AND SHIPBUILDING - INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE**

- MS. ERICA HOLLOWAY LOGAN  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WORKFORCE,  
PEO SSBN /SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE  
PROGRAM
  - MS. JESS KEY  
MANAGER OF SUPPLIER AND  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPEMENT, GD  
ELECTRIC BOAT
- 

3:30 PM

**CLOSING REMARKS/RECEPTION**

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# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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## **Ms. Molly Donohue Magee, UTIC CEO**

Molly Donohue Magee is the Chief Executive Officer of the Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium (UTIC), a nonprofit organization focused on providing resources to accelerate the transition of undersea technology to market. UTIC was awarded an Other Transaction Agreement from the Department of Navy for Undersea and Maritime Innovative Technology in June 2018. She is also the Chief Executive Officer of SENEDIA, the alliance for Defense Tech, Talent, and Innovation. SENEDIA is a catalyst for thought leadership and enables the development of critical defense technologies while facilitating economic and workforce development opportunities. She created SENEDIA's nationally recognized annual event, Defense Innovation Days. She is a member of the Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council, the Rhode Island Defense Economy Planning Commission, and the Rhode Island Governor's Workforce Board.

After completing a 30-year civilian career in the government, she started a woman-owned and managed small business focused on providing value-added engineering and financial management services to the Department of Defense. After two years, the business was acquired by another company. Her last assignment in the government was as the Chief Financial Officer for the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI, a billion-dollar Department of Navy research and development activity. Her government career included managing product assurance engineering for submarine systems prior to transitioning to senior leadership of the organization where, in addition to CFO, she held the position of Director of Corporate Operations.

## **Mr. David Eyre, Senior Maritime Advisor, Defence SA, South Australia**

David Eyre joined Defence SA as Director of Maritime in August 2016 where his focus was to develop and deliver a program of activities to grow defense presence and the defense industry base of the state sustainably. As of 2023 he is now the Senior Maritime Advisor with particular focus for AUKUS, Defence Industry Development and Workforce.



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David has over 30 years' experience in Shipbuilding construction (including Submarines, Patrol Boats, Frigates and Offshore Gas Platforms) across engineering, major subcontracts and senior management positions. Over 15 of those years working on South Australian naval shipbuilding projects with over 7 years on construction of the Collins class submarines, and almost 8 years on the construction of the Hobart class Air Warfare Destroyers.

Prior to joining Defence SA, David was responsible for the overall management of the Forgacs, Tomago (NSW) shipyard (400+ personnel) in construction and delivery of over \$200m of ship blocks as part of the SEA 4000 Air Warfare Destroyer project. This role included management of all aspects of an EPC construction project including planning, production, quality, risk, safety and overall cost/schedule control.

David's formal qualifications in Engineering (BEng Hon), Project Management (CPPM) and Business Management (MBA) provide him with a broad skill set, with an excellent understanding of all aspects of naval ship construction.

## **Dr. Peter Abbott, British Consulate General NE**

Dr Peter Abbott has been a member of the Diplomatic Service since 2005. Before becoming British Consul General to New England in 2020, he served as Counsellor at the British High Commission in Islamabad, Pakistan, with operational oversight of the largest mission in the UK's overseas diplomatic network.

Earlier in his career, Peter was Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Lisbon. Before being posted to Portugal, Peter covered West Africa, with a particular focus on the emerging threat of terrorism and instability in Mali and the Sahel. Prior to this, he led the Government's review of the UK counter-radicalization strategy, Prevent, based in the Office for Security and Counter-terrorism at the Home Office. This followed a posting to the British Embassy in Washington where he was Private Secretary to the Ambassador, Sir Nigel Sheinwald, from 2008-2010.



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Before joining the FCDO (Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office), Peter lived, studied, and worked in the United States, including interning in the office of Dennis Hastert when he was Speaker of the US House of Representatives and working on Arianna Huffington's 2003 gubernatorial campaign in California.

Peter holds a double first-class honors degree from the University of Cambridge as well as a PhD in Greek tragedy.

## **Ms. Marie Bussiere, Technical Director NUWC Division Newport**

Marie Bussiere is the Technical Director at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport (NUWC DIVNPT). She is responsible for leading the Department of Navy (DoN) in full spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering, and fleet support for submarines, autonomous underwater systems, and offensive and defensive weapon systems and countermeasures associated with Undersea Warfare. Ms. Bussiere was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in March 2024 and has 36 years of civil service.

Ms. Bussiere began her career at the Trident Command and Control Maintenance Activity and has held a variety of leadership positions throughout her career. This includes an assignment at DASN RDT&E as the lead for the Enterprise Digital Battlespace and a member of the Unmanned Task Force. Ms. Bussiere was also a member of the AUKUS Pillar II Undersea Working Group as the U.S. country lead for Lethality. Ms. Bussiere has also served as the acting head of the Department of the Navy Modeling and Simulation Office. At NUWC DIVNPT, she served as head of the Undersea Warfare (USW) Combat Systems Department, head of the Undersea Weapons Acquisition and Life Cycle Engineering Division within the Torpedo Systems Department, head of the Logistics Product Development Branch within the USW Combat Systems Department, and Royal Australian Navy Replacement Combat System lead system engineer. She is also Division Newport's logistics functional area manager for the Naval Acquisition Development Program and NAVSEA's Live, Virtual, Constructive M&S Knowledge Point Champion.



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Ms. Bussiere received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island (URI) and a Master of Business Administration from Salve Regina University. She also received a diploma from the Naval War College for coursework in the areas of Strategy and Policy, National Security Decision Making and Joint Maritime Operations, as well as Joint Professional Military Education Phase I Certification and a Cybersecurity Fundamentals certificate from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

**Ms. Meganne Atkins, Executive Director, Department of the Navy, AUKUS Integration and Aquisition Office**

Meganne Atkins is the Executive Director for AUKUS Integration and Acquisition Program for the U.S. team delivering a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability for Australia. She is responsible for oversees planning efforts that include future submarine design and construction, tri-lateral policy development, supply chain uplift, contract, development, infrastructure upgrades, and tri-lateral workforce planning.

Ms. Atkins was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in December 2023 and has 18 years of civilian service. Most recently, Ms. Atkins served as Deputy Program Manager for the Columbia Class Submarine Program Office (PMS397), managing the lead ship design, acquisition, and construction efforts. She is considered an expert in all phases of DoD acquisition management for integrated combat systems and shipbuilding.

In 2017, Ms. Atkins was selected to serve as the Major Program Manager for Submarine Electromagnetic Systems (PMS435) directly responsible for three ACAT III Programs. In this position, she delivered state of the art Submarine Imaging, Electronic Warfare, and RADAR systems to the U.S. Submarine Force.

Ms. Atkins earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. in 2005 and a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A) from the University of Rhode Island in 2006.





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**Mrs. Erica Holloway Logan, Deputy Director / Workforce Development,  
Submarine Industrial Base Program Office**

Mrs. Erica Holloway Logan currently serves as the Deputy Director for Workforce with the Submarine Industrial Base (SIB) Program in PEO Strategic Submarines (PEO SSBN). She is responsible for workforce investments in training, hiring, placement and retention to bolster the submarine industrial base by increasing awareness, capacity and skilled labor to support a “1+2” submarine construction cadence - one Columbia-class and two Virginia-class submarines.

Prior to joining Team Submarine, Mrs. Logan was the Principal Assistant Program Manager (PAPM) for Acquisition, Finance and Operations for the International Fleet Support Program Office (PMS 326) within NAVSEA’s Surface Warfare Directorate (SEA 21). Mrs. Logan was the primary acquisition advisor, providing guidance to PMS 326 Foreign Military Sales (FMS) internal and external stakeholders on acquisition strategy for annual contract obligations in excess of \$100M.

Mrs. Logan began her career as a civil servant in 2011. She served as the Lead Contracting Officer’s Representative for sole source and small business set-aside contracts totaling more than \$75M, before being selected as the APM for Operations where she managed hiring, operations, personnel issues, safety and training for 48 civil servants.

Prior to becoming a civil servant, she was the Director of Business Services for a Service-disabled, Veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB). Mrs. Logan held positions of increasing responsibility for more than 11 years, ultimately managing all business support functions, including pricing, marketing, contracts, and proposal development. Mrs. Logan also conducted training on behalf of the Small Business Administration throughout the United States on growth strategy, marketing, customer service, proposal development, and pricing.

Born and raised in Durham, NC, she graduated from Howard University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, and a minor in Education. She is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community and has a Level III Certification in Program Management. Mrs. Logan has been recognized with



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numerous awards during her civilian career, including the NAVSEA Meritorious Unit Commendation, Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Medal for Valor, and the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

**Ms. Jess Key, Manager of Supplier and Workforce Development, GD Electric Boat**

Jess Key has been with Electric Boat since 2015 and currently serves as the Manager of Supplier and Workforce Development. In this role, Jess is focused on scaling and replicating the unique success of Electric Boat's workforce development and youth/community education programs in support of the shipyard and the Submarine Industrial Base. Jess' team currently leads strategy deployment for over 30 adult pipeline programs as well as adult and youth education programs aimed at attracting the next generation of shipbuilders to careers in manufacturing trades.

Previous to this her current role, Jess worked to establish the Supply Chain Risk Program within General Dynamics Electric Boat's Supply Chain Organization. She led a team responsible for supply chain assessment, risk program design and administration, supplier data source development, data analytics & visualization, and risk mitigation planning. Jess and her team designed a supply chain assessment process at Electric Boat which has been recognized as an industry leading practice.

Jess has held various positions within EB's Supply Chain organization and is passionate about playing a part in returning the Submarine Industrial Base to the resilience of the past. Jess earned her Master's of Business Administration from the University of Florida. She also holds two undergraduate degrees from the University of South Florida.



# AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>
Aimpoint	Mark Robinson
AML3D	Peter Goumas
ASA	Ruth Sparks
ASA	Maree Weir
Austrade	John Elink-Schuurman
Axiom Precision Manufacturing	Fred Hull
Century Engineering	David Heaslip
Century Engineering	Dwayne Hewitson
Defence Innovation Partnership	Sumen Rai
Defence SA	David Eyre - Speaker
Defence SA	Mel Slater
Defence Teaming Centre	Libby Day
Flinders University	Tony Kyriacou
Flinders University	Sophie Leterme
Flinders University	Claire McCaffrey (Lenehan)
Flinders University	Karl Sammut
IMI Critical	Spencer Jenner
IMI Critical	Mary Rozakis
McTaggart Scott Australia	Peter Richings
QMS & NANTIA Training Academy	Shaun Kennedy
QMS & NANTIA Training Academy	Crystal Kennedy (Stephens)
REDARC USA	Gary Langbo
Rowlands Metalworks	Michael (Cameron) Johnston
Stärke Advanced Manufacturing Group	Al Jawhari
TAFE SA	Nick Howie



# ATTENDING COMPANIES

Advanced Acoustic Concepts	DRS
Advanced Technology International	EaglePicher Technologies
Aerojet Rocketdyne	Electric Boat
Aimpoint	Faculty AI
AML3D	Fairbanks Morse Defense
Amphenol	Flinders University
Applied Physical Sciences	Forcys
Applied Research Associates	GDMS Progeny
ASA	General Dynamics
ATI	General Dynamics Electric Boat
Austrade	General Dynamics Mission Systems
Axiom Precision Manufacturing	Gradient Marine
BAE Systems Inc	Granite State Manufacturing
Barber Nichols, LLC.	HavocAI Inc.
Blue Institute Labs	HII
Booz Allen Hamilton	IMI Critical
British Consulate	KMS Solutions
CAE USA	KMS Solutions LLC
Century Engineering	L3Harris Technologies, Inc.
Collins Aerospace	Leidos Inc.
Corvid Technologies	Leonardo DRS
Defence Innovation Partnership	Lockheed Martin
Defence SA	Major Tool and Machine, Inc.
Defence Teaming Centre	Massa Products Corporation
Department of the Navy	McLaughlin Research Corp
Diversified Technologies, Inc.	McTaggart Scott Australia



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Metron, Inc	SAIC
MIKEL, INC	SEACORP, LLC
Moog Inc.	Serco
Nautilus Cables, LLC	Sigma Defense Systems, LLC
Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)	Sonalysts, Inc.
Northrop Grumman	Sonardyne
Northrop Grumman Mission Systems	TAFE SA
NUWC Division Newport	Teledyne Benthos
Ocean Specialists, Inc.	Thales Australia
Oceaneering International, Inc.	ThayerMahan
Office of Senator Whitehouse	Torch Technologies
Orbisinc	Triton Systems Inc
Ordnance Technology Service Inc.	Ultra Maritime US
Precise Systems	Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium
Prometheus Inc.	Universal Strategies Limited
QinetiQ Inc	University of Rhode Island
QMS & NANTIA Training Academy	Vatn Systems, Inc
RCT Systems	Ventus Solutions
REDARC USA	VTG
RI Commerce	
Rite-Solutions, Inc.	
Rowlands Metalworks	
RTX - Collins Aerospace	
Saab, Inc.	
Saft America Inc.	



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