



Defence

We are the only firm in the world that offers a top-tier global defence and security practice, as well as the ability to draw upon experienced defence, procurement and infrastructure lawyers throughout the world. We also draw from DLA Piper's broad range of resources to provide advice to the defence industry in the areas of international trade, export controls, corporate transactions, tax and employment.

The lawyers and consultants of DLA Piper offer comprehensive advice to the defence industry to assist clients in accomplishing their business, legal, and political goals. We understand the complexities of contracting with various national departments or ministries of defence and the legal structures and constraints of working with government departmental entities.

As a global firm, we have lawyers with substantial defence experience in Europe, the Eastern Bloc, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and the US.

As the team that delivered one of the first-ever PFIs in the UK defence sector in 1998, we are a longstanding major player in the defence market.

CAPABILITES

Our capability covers:

- strategic alliances;
- procurement models;
- joint ventures;
- prime contracting;
- urgent operational requirements ('UORs');
- government owned, commercially operated structures;
- partnering;
- integrator models;
- security issues including security classifications, security aspects letters and security undertakings (some of our UK team are security cleared); and

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RELATED SERVICES

- Public Private Partnerships and PFI

- the complete spectrum of contractual models the defence government agencies use (for example, in the UK from DEFCONS, JSPs, SOPC4, Model ICT agreement and DEFFORMS).

EXPERIENCE

- UK Military Air Traffic Control - advising Lockheed Martin's Fusion consortium on its bid for the £1.5bn UK Ministry of Defence's project for the design, construction and installation of military air traffic management capability and the provision of certain services in support thereof known as Project Marshall; and
- Assisting a foreign buyer acquiring a US defence contractor to successfully meet the Exon-Florio requirements and maintain the acquired company's defence security clearances.