



Business Resources

[Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing \(ATDM\)](#)

If you stopped by their booth at Action Days, you might remember that the Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing (ATDM) program is designed to help adult learners earn the skills necessary to make an immediate impact in the Defense Industrial Base (DIB).

ATDM is funded by the U.S. Navy and was created to teach the skills needed to increase military equipment production. All program areas are 16 weeks with 600+ hours of instruction. Each individual program area is designed to equip individuals with the foundational skills needed to make an immediate impact in the DIB workforce. Skilled trades include:

- Additive Manufacturing
- CNC Machining
- Non-destructive Testing
- Quality Control Inspection (also known as Metrology)
- Welding

To get involved in ATDM, contact a member of the Industry Engagement Team:

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Click [here](#) to apply to the ATDM Program.

[Cybersecurity Readiness](#)

The U.S. Department of Defense announced a [new cybersecurity strategy for 2024-2027](#). It aims to sustain a resilient Joint Force and defense ecosystem by protecting it from cyber threats. This strategy focuses on coordinating efforts across the Department to identify and close gaps in cybersecurity, ensuring the protection of networks, supply chains, and critical resources. Emphasizing a digital-first, data-driven culture, the strategy also highlights the importance of modernizing business practices, investing in technology, and retaining a skilled cyber workforce to safeguard national security.

In a recent piece in [C4ISRNET](#), Shannon Vaughn, General Manager at Virtru Federal, a provider of data security services for the government, breaks down the four biggest takeaways.



[Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)

Aids, counsels, assists and protects the interests of small businesses.

[APEX Accelerators](#)

Assists businesses that pursue and/or perform as a prime contractor or subcontractor under contracts with federal, state, and local government.

[Minority Business Development Agency \(MBDA\)](#)

Offers customized business development and industry-focused services to provide greater access to capital, contracts and markets.

[Manufacturing Extension Partnership \(MEP\)](#)

Provides U.S. manufacturers with access to resources they need to succeed.

[BuildSubmarines.com](#)

This new job board will allow candidates to create personal profiles to highlight their skills for potential employers, access to tens of thousands of specialized opportunities, and the ability to search for eligible candidates to fulfill critical roles.

To have your company's job openings featured in the Job Portal:

- Click "Job Portal" in the website's banner or visit: <https://atdm.org/build-submarines>
- Click "Add Your Company"
- Enter the required information:
 - Company Information
 - Contact Information
 - Website Address with Career Postings
- The website will automatically import your job postings that match the job titles currently being targeted. This process may take up to two weeks.

[Military Specification Packaging](#)

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