



## AIAC AND THE 2021 ELECTION

### THE NEED FOR A CANADIAN AEROSPACE STRATEGY

Over the past several years, AIAC has worked closely with government to develop policies and programs that support our industry at home and abroad. Since the launch of [Vision 2025](#) in 2019, we have been focused on securing government support for and partnership in a national aerospace strategy.

As COVID hit, our focus narrowed on:

- a) supporting members through the pandemic, ensuring aerospace was recognized as an essential and strategic industry, and that aerospace businesses and workers – among the hardest hit by the pandemic – received the support necessary to keep going, and
- b) making the case aggressively for protecting our jobs, supply chains and global standing with a government-industry strategy for aerospace.

We were successful in the first with supports in the Covid emergency relief packages like CEWS, CERS and CRB, and \$2 Billion in dedicated funding for aerospace in April's 2021 Budget.

The second – the need for a Canadian Aerospace Strategy – will be our focus in the Election campaign. Central to this push will be our #AEROSPACECHALLENGE2050, to launch in Week 2 of the Campaign. We want you to work with us to secure the future of the industry.

Our ask this election is simple. Here are the main components and language:

1. *Through industry-government partnership and commitment over 80 years, Canada rose to fifth among aerospace nations. Today, we rank ninth. Every other top aerospace nation is looking to the future, with a national strategy to compete and win in the emerging multi-trillion-dollar cleantech aerospace market. Not Canada.*
2. *To compete and lead in innovation and sustainability, Canada needs a national aerospace strategy led by industry and government that looks to 2050, defines our role in the global marketplace and sets out a clear roadmap. **The question is simple, is Canada prepared to ensure our world leading legacy in aerospace is preserved for future generations?***



3. *We are asking all parties to include a **clear commitment to a national 30-year aerospace strategy** led by industry and the federal government to create the environment for success for industry and to secure and grow one of the most skilled workforces anywhere in the world:*

JOIN AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, AND OUR COMPANIES AND WORKERS ACROSS AVIATION, DEFENCE AND SPACE, IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY AND TAKE UP THE #AEROSPACECHALLENGE2050 TO RESTORE CANADA'S LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL AEROSPACE FOR THE NEXT 30 YEARS, AND GROW JOBS AND INNOVATION HERE AT HOME.