

Fact Sheet: U.S.-Poland Defense Industry Day

Fostering Bilateral Defense Industry Cooperation

Following the announcement of the long-term Polish Armed Forces' modernization program and the ratification of the bilateral Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement (RDPA), the U.S. Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation began developing a forum to bring together representatives of both countries' governments, large defense contractors, smaller private companies, and research centers. The forum took place Tuesday as "U.S.-Poland Defense Industry Day" and attracted 150 participants representing:

- U.S. Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics;
- Polish Ministry of National Defense and General Staff;
- Polish Ministry of Economy;
- U.S. Industry: AAI Textron, ATK, Boeing, L3 Communications, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Oshkosh Defense, Raytheon, United Technologies (Sikorsky/PZL Mielec, Pratt & Whitney/WSK-Rzeszow), and others;
- Polish Industry: Bumar Group, Huta Stalowa Wola (HSW), Military Armament Works (WZU), AMZ Kutno, WB Electronics, Teldat, and others;
- Research Centers: Marine Technology Center, Military Institute of Armament Technology (WITU), Military University of Technology (WAT), Aviation Institute.

U.S. Ambassador to Poland Stephen D. Mull opened the event, which also included:

- Government Session chaired by Senior Defense Official Col Jeffery Snell. DoD speakers outlined the RDPA implementation benefits and international armaments cooperation; the subsequent discussion involved a Polish Ministry of Economy delegate and covered export control regulations.
- Concurrent Industry Briefings in the following areas:
 - Air & Missile Defense;
 - Helicopters, Ground Vehicles, and Artillery;
 - Unmanned Aerial Systems & C4ISR.
- Individual Industry Meetings with pre-arranged and follow-up appointments.