

D&Z signs new contract with Australia

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Day & Zimmermann of Parsons has landed another contract.

D&Z, the century-old, family-owned provider of construction and engineering, staffing and defense solutions for corporations and governments around the world, announced in a press release that it has agreed to a new three-year memorandum of understanding with NIOA to create ammunition in support of the Australian Defense Force.

Established in 1973, NIOA is Australia's largest privately owned company supplying weapons, ammunition and technical support to military, law enforcement and commercial markets.

The ammunition will be produced at Day & Zimmermann's plant in the Great Plains Industrial Park east of Parsons. The company's 4,000-acre facility includes two production lines and storage facilities.

Local Day & Zimmermann officials were unavailable for comment.

"Day & Zimmermann's core competencies in the design and production of ammunition coupled with our many years of operating ammunition plants for the U.S. Army makes us a great partner in complementing NIOA in Australia," Michael H. Yoh, President of Day & Zimmermann Munitions and Government, said in the press release. "As the important work being done at our Parsons, Kansas, facility continues to expand, we're thrilled about the opportunity to continue providing stable, consistent jobs to operation managers, production operators, maintenance mechanics, electronic technicians and others in the Kansas area. We are excited about this continued partnership and the work it brings to our growing Kansas facility and look forward to many more years of collaboration with the NIOA team."

The partnership between NIOA and Day & Zimmermann includes a four-year supply program of 81mm mortar high explosive and practice mortar ammunition for the ADF as well as the opportunity to provide other Day & Zimmermann munitions products suitable for export to Australia.

The signing of the agreement takes place as Day & Zimmermann celebrates over 50 years of operations at the Parsons facility. Together with the surrounding community, the company looks forward to continuing its long history in Kansas and growing the site's important role in producing ammunitions for the U.S. government and its allies, according to the press release.

"This agreement with NIOA is a big win for our organization as we continue to pursue additional opportunities to leverage our decades of ammunition production expertise in support of our government clients both domestically and abroad," Yoh said.

Founded in 1901, Day & Zimmermann is a family-owned company with a workforce of 41,000 specializing in construction and engineering, operations and maintenance, staffing, security and defense solutions for leading corporations and governments around the world. Operating from more than 150 worldwide locations with \$2.4 billion in revenue, Day & Zimmermann is ranked as one of the largest private companies in the U.S. by Forbes.

Headquartered in Philadelphia its first work was to develop "betterment reports" that helped modernize American factories.