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RANN IN WASHINGTON FOR DEFENCE TALKS

Premier Mike Rann has arrived in Washington, DC for talks with a series of US defence companies over the next two days.

Mr Rann will meet with senior executives from Raytheon, which is employing hundreds of technicians and systems engineers for the Air Warfare Destroyer contract in Adelaide.

The Premier will also be meeting with General Dynamics, which is involved in land warfare and naval projects in South Australia.

He will also be meeting with executives of the Northrop Grumman Corporation, BAE Systems (whose Australian headquarters is in Adelaide), the Boeing Company and Lockheed Maritime Systems.

Accompanied by the head of Defence SA Andrew Fletcher, Mr Rann will also meet with senior officials of the US Defence Department and US Navy.

Mr Rann will be discussing the development of Techport, the \$300 million defence precinct being developed in Port Adelaide, the Air Warfare Destroyer contract and local participation in a range of other defence projects.