# NN, Inc. Expands Contract Manufacturing of Weapons Components, Secures New Awards with Leading Firearms Provider

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**New capabilities position Company to pursue additional global defense opportunities**

CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 20, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- NN, Inc. (NASDAQ: NNBR) ("NN" or the "Company"), a global diversified industrial company that engineers, co-develops and manufactures precision components and assemblies with six sigma quality, today announced entry into a brand-new market segment for the company. The company has successfully entered the Tier 1 contract manufacturing industry for firearm components in the United States market. The key components of this successful market entry are:

- Turnkey Tier 1 contract manufacturing
- Collaborative product development
- Additive manufacturing during prototyping
- High volume titanium machining
- High volume laser welding and assembly
- Multiple surface treatment advancements including ceramic surface coating, physical vapor deposition, and nanocomposite diamond-like carbon coating
- ATF and FFL compliance program
- CMMC Tier 2 certification program
- TISAX Tier 2 certification program
- ITAR compliance program
- Encrypted communications portal that is CMMC, NIST, ITAR and HIPAA compliant
- Attendance at weapons shows in the United States

NN has entered into a contract manufacturing agreement to mass produce completed firearms products for a leading provider of firearms products in the United States. This new business for NN was achieved after a multi-year effort that required:

- New products
- Titanium machining breakthroughs
- Surface treatment breakthroughs
- Specialized equipment investments
- Multi-year collaborative innovation program with a leading brand owner

This new product category is included within NN's business growth program in Defense & Electronics. This new business begins in Q3 and will continue ramping up through 2028. This new business is expected to add between $12 million to $15 million in sales.

Growth in Defense & Electronics is a key component of the company's 5-point growth plan. It is a direct application and natural extension of its in-house capabilities into a new market. Including these new wins, NN has won 20+ new programs worth >$30 to $35 million per year over the last 3 years. The company also has an additional pipeline in Defense & Electronics of $75 million of opportunities and has recently hired a Defense industry specialist. Of note, the company is evaluating the manufacturing of munitions for attack drones.

NN has a multi-product game plan within its Defense & Electronics growth program.

- Gold and silver plating of critical electronics modules that are contained in advanced weapon systems
- Complicated metal fabrications that are key components within guidance and weapon systems
- High-end machined parts that are components in firearms (the focus on this article)

The US defense market is at record spending levels with a 5-year outlook to keep growing. Specific to this new set of awards, the US firearms market is growing due to increased emphasis on baseline safety.

The company is employing a large portion of its US footprint to make products for the defense, electronics, and weapons markets. NN now has 8 plants that are ITAR compliant. This enables the company to have a wide aperture onto these markets with a broad product offering of machined parts, stamped parts, plated parts, and assemblies.

Harold Bevis, President and Chief Executive Officer of NN, Inc., commented, "This is a nice advancement for NN's sales growth program into new markets. It is another direct payoff on the investments we are making to establish premier positions in high-value markets. A tremendous amount of collaborative innovation occurred between the brand owner and NN over the last couple of years on this program. Many prototypes and many samples were iterated in order to arrive at the perfect next-generation product performance.

"We are creating additional competitive barriers by adding distinguishing factory credentials for this new market – ATF and FFL compliance, ITAR compliance, CMMC Tier 2 certification, and TISAX Tier 2 certification. These credentials enhance participation in these markets.

"A fun fact that is due to the multipart complexity of this new product line is that these products are now the highest-priced products in the company's portfolio of new products. Prices will range from $200 to $500 for each product."

Bevis concluded, "NN is underway with a multi-year program of sales-driven earnings improvements and this is another building block. Our Defense products growth program is achieving victories. The Defense & Electronics business is already nearly $60 million in sales, and we have a 5-year goal for it to grow to $100 million. It is one of our most profitable segments also due to higher value-add. Our 5 pillars of entrepreneurial break-out growth continue to be focused upon: data center and electric grid, defense and electronics, medical products, high-value vehicle products, and high-value stamped products.

"We will combine this new information along with recent new wins in Data Center and Medical products and adjust 2026 guidance, if needed, for sales, adjusted EBITDA, and New Wins when we release Q2 2026 earnings on August 6. We look forward to discussing this new advancement further at that time."

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**About NN, Inc.**
NN, Inc., a global diversified industrial company, combines advanced engineering and production capabilities with in-depth materials science expertise to design and manufacture high-precision components and assemblies for a variety of markets on a global basis. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, NN has facilities in North America, South America, Europe, and China. For more information about the company and its products, please visit www.nninc.com.

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