Team Defence Information Membership Benefits

As a Member of Team Defence Information (TD-Info), you are part of a unique organisation where Industry and the Ministry of Defence (MOD) work together to accelerate the transformation of Support Capability. TD-Info Members have a common interest in value-enhancing solutions using innovative concepts and ideas that are fully sponsored by the Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF) and the MOD Chief of Defence Logistics and Support (CDLS) to promote secure collaboration and partnership between Industry and the MOD that ensures 'end-to-end' and 'Through-Life' Support.

Our history stems from the 1980's (formally known as UKCeB) after a number of prime Defence companies wanted to create a neutral, not-for-profit, forum for its members and UK Government to cooperate and exchange information for Defence Support. This was underpinned by a strategy to enhance standards, improve Support engineering, and reduce life-cycle costs, achieved through strong partnerships and seamless interaction with our MOD stakeholders.



Figure 1. Illustration of the diverse Team Defence Information Membership base, source: Team Defence Information

TD-Info Members comprise a diverse range of organisations from across MOD, UK industry, and academia. A key benefit of becoming a TD-Info Member is you are part of a unique team able to interact directly with the UK MOD from the earliest stages of the engineering lifecycle and share information securely to influence future strategy and policies.

What we do

Our Members work in close collaboration with our MOD stakeholders to help define requirements and develop Support solutions that truly meet the objectives of the front line.

TD-Info provides a trusted environment for MOD and the UK Industry to collaboratively work together and share the output from projects; TD-Info Member companies and MOD gain mutual benefit from these research and innovation activities which invariably lead to a multiplier effects and knowledge sharing that helps drive pace in solution development and delivery within a trusted environment.

TD-Info address this significant challenge as part of a trusted defence community, enabling Members to be well-informed and ready to support MOD in developing resilient and cost-effective solutions that support the DSF strategic objectives. This is achieved by actively leading a programme of Research and Innovation pilot projects through various specialist Working Groups (WGs):

Current Projects include:

- MODCloud
- Knowledge
 Management
- AssetManagement
- Critical Raw Materials
- Integration Working Group

Innovation and Research topics include:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Data
- Sustainable Defence Support
- Additive Manufacturing (AM) & Distribution
- Future Capability
- Digital Twin
- Synthetic Environment and Training

Standards Groups include:

- Def Stan 00-600
- JISCOT
- S1000D
- STE MG

Members and MOD also work together to review and improve relevant policies and procedures. This is re-enforced by TD-Info's active involvement and chairing of international standards such as Defence Standard 00-600, defining the Integrated Support Requirements for MOD projects, and being an influential voice at the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD).

Our Governance

The DSF, chaired by the Secretary of State for Defence, is the major conduit for driving effective MOD/UK Industry relationships and provides strategic direction for TD-Info project activities.

Figure 2 illustrates the TD-Info Governance structure which includes the 3-star Advisory Board that sets the strategic themes for our collaborative work; the 2-star Strategy Group "owns" the strategic plan whilst the 1-star Executive Team is the hub of the operation acting as a portfolio management board to ensure the programme of activities achieves the desired value and outcomes.

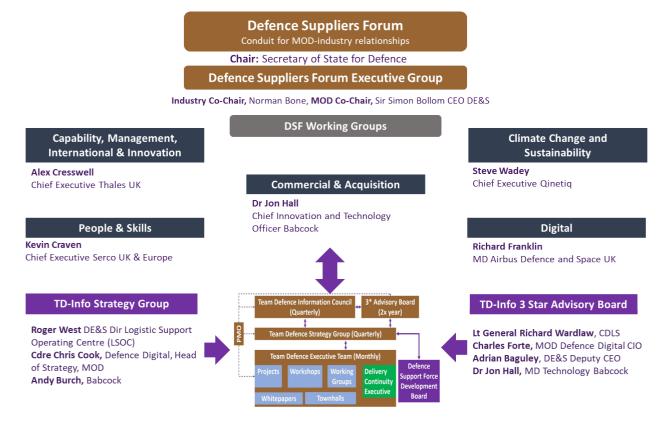


Figure 2. DSF and Team Defence Information Programme Governance, source: Team Defence Information

TD-Info holds regular meetings between its Members and key stakeholders from MOD Strategic Command, including Defence Support and Defence Digital, and MOD Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) through various WGs and forums such as the Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF), Information Security Forum, and Trading Forum.

Our Members

Our collective 'Team Defence' community is diverse and provides a balanced mix of Defence OEMs and SMEs as illustrated below.

In recent years TD-Info membership has expanded beyond the traditional equipment manufacturers and now includes a broad group of companies, as illustrated below, that provide support engineering and digital transformation services, offering a wealth of knowledge and expertise to deliver innovation and value to MOD.



Figure 3. Illustration of Team Defence Information Lead Sponsors, Trade Associations and Member organisations (subject to change), source: Team Defence Information

Your Membership Benefits

- Help shape and influence the MOD agenda and solutions by being actively involved in the Concept stages of MOD sponsored projects and Working Groups
- Participate with MOD and Industry colleagues within a Not–for-Profit trusted forum to inform, consult and collaborate across 'Team Defence' – working at 3* level
- Lead Sponsors are able to meet other senior leaders within UK Defence at the TD-Info Council meeting and AGM; these privileged meetings and dinners allow unrivalled access and insight from 3 and 4* MOD leaders
- Capitalise on the 'multiplier effect' of a diverse Industry community having expert know-how and experience in Defence Support
- Gain access to valuable information and reports from Team Defence's extensive library of documents within the member-only section of our website. These documents relate to MOD research initiatives, where MOD uses TD-Info to gain 'efficient' engagement with Industry
- Actively contribute and enhance visibility of your organisation's capabilities with inputs to projects and WGs that improve Defence Support using innovation and Research to develop accelerate benefits to the front line
- Develop a powerful network of Industry and MOD expertise that covers the principal Suppliers and Users of services. There are over 100,000 Industry Users on the MOD infrastructure operated by Defence Digital. These are represented by the TD-Info Industry Customers Engagement Forum (ICEF), to ensure seamless sharing of critical ICT and Support information

- Keep well-informed about changes that
 MOD is undertaking e.g. in policy, strategy,
 ways of working, infrastructure etc
- Gain insight and influence future Standards, such as DEFSTAN 00-600 and working practices designed to simplify business processes that improve efficiency and drive out costs and improve the 'exportability' and interoperability of capabilities
- Use Team Defence website to exploit and promote your company's profile and products
- Raise your company's profile further by actively marketing your organisation at our premier Conferences and event that TD-Info co-organises with the MOD, including SupportNet, Defence Information, and Support Chain Digital Seminar
- Create leverage through collaboration and an un-rivelled Network of Defence companies, spanning OEM's and SME's within Defence Support
- Develop trust with MOD 'movers and shakers', within a 'contract agnostic' environment, that allows MOD to explore opportunities, and to raise issues to work on joint solutions
- Join Team Defence Vanguard programme to promote Graduate and Staff development through networking and learning from Industry/MOD mentors to grow your organisations skills base
- Join Team Defence's Sustainability & Net
 Zero sub-working group and conferences to
 help save the planet
- Improve your proposals, with Team
 Defence's Simplified English ASD-STE100
 training course

How much does Membership cost?

We have various options and fees arrangements available if you wish to join the Team Defence Information community either as an individual or a company.

Membership packages range from Individual Membership of £312 per annum to £18,660 per annum for Lead Sponsor, with other fees based on company annual turnover. However, any company, regardless of annual turnover, can request to join at the Lead Sponsorship level.

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