

Defence Suppliers Forum

The Defence Suppliers Forum (DSF) enables strategic engagement between Government and the Defence Industry to facilitate the effective sharing of information, aligning our objectives and optimising the delivery of Defence capability from the Defence budget.

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TD-Info Strategy Group and Executive Team

Reflecting the single governance model of TD-Info, our collective contribution to UK industry is managed through two member led governance bodies. The Strategy Group convenes quarterly and tracks the progress and direction of TD-Info's activities supporting the 3* Areas of Focus and Council objectives. The monthly Executive Team acts as our Programme Board, facilitating and managing activities and associated deliverables.

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Governance

Lead Sponsors Forum

The Council consists of our members senior personnel and reviews performance against agreed strategic objectives to facilitate the effective sharing of information, aligning our objectives and optimising the delivery of Defence capability from the Defence budget.

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TD-Info 3* Advisory Board

Providing direction and to ensure the activities of TD-Info maintain alignment with the strategic priorities of the relevant Top-Level Budgets (TLBs). Includes representation from Defence Suppliers Forum, DE&S, Defence Digital and Defence Support. Posts currently held by Vice Admiral Andy Kite, CDLS, Adrian Bagley, Deputy CEO, DE&S and Charlie Forte, MOD CIO.

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Information

Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) Regulation Working Group

Collaborative forum developing cross defence understanding of the impact and methods of compliance with Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification regulations.

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Information Security Forum

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MOD Cloud WG & Industry Point of View

Facilitating the development and take-up of the MOD's Cloud capabilities, facilitating collaborative engagement between MOD and Industry.

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M365 Working Group

Working with MOD, Microsoft and Team Defence to ensure secure configuration and exploitation of Office 365 tools.

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Multi Domain Integration delivered through the Integrated Design Authority

Collaborative MOD, Industry and Academia activities, understanding and developing defence integration and the Integrated Design Authority. Co-ordinal activities supporting Multi Domain doctrine, maximising the Information Age, plus above and below threshold within the broadest defence enterprise.

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Trading Forum

A forum of Industry representatives and the MOD to support and drive the design, implementation and exploitation of the MOD Contracts, Purchasing & Finance (CP&F) system and business change needs across the MOD's Trading Partners.

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Industry Info-Cyber Protection Consultation Group

A collaborative working group to review formal draft Info-Cyber documentation and Industry Security Notices.

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Software Enabled Defence Working Group

Assisting the MOD to explore Software Enabled Defence in Constant Competition, and the challenges of placing, Virtual on a par with Physical, with Software being valued as a Strategic Asset.

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Support

Integrated Product Support (IPS)

A Community of Practice which supports the MOD and industry in improving Supportability Engineering and IPS standards / specifications, processes (technical and management) and training. This is in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Supportability Engineering / IPS programmes.

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MOD IPS Transition Working Group

Collaboration between industry and MOD approach to IPS and S-Series adoption leading to a risk mitigated approach.

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Support Business Functional Model (SBFM) & Information Exchange Working Group

Collaboration between industry and MOD to further develop the BFM which informs a range of MOD programmes.

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Supportability Modelling & Analysis

Facilitating the development of a set of support improvement actions, targets and objectives for both MOD and Industry to help create a step change in UK Defence Support.

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Committee for Defence Equipment Reliability & Maintainability (CDERM)

A Community of Practice ensuring military capability is maximised through optimal levels of equipment Reliability and Maintainability (R&M).

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Committee for Automatic Testing Systems for Defence

This committee is a forum that allows MOD and industry to co-operate to their mutual advantage, working and agreeing on best practices associated with Automatic Test Systems (ATS) and providing a coherent input into the IEEE SCCC20 standards.

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Combined Technical Documentation Working Group

A Community of Practice to support the MOD's strategy for technical documentation support solutions and the development of supporting pan-MOD Technical Documentation Policy and Advice and Guidance.

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Joint Obsolescence Management Working Group

A forum to discuss existing and developing Policy, Advice and Guidance on Obsolescence Management. The group supports the objective of producing and exposing this joint Policy, Advice and Guidance to facilitate the efficient lecting and management of contracts.

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Packaging for Equipment Acquisition & Support

A Community of Practice providing a forum for the MOD and Industry where topics of discussion include, guidance and resolution of matters relating to Military Level Packaging; training, initiatives with Professional Bodies e.g. The Packaging Society; innovations related to packaging.

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'Futures' (incl. Sustainability)

Futures Coherence Board

TD-Info works with the joint MOD and industry Futures Coherence Board (FCB) performing horizon scanning across sectors, contributing to concepts and shaping science, technology, research and experimentation activities creating the evidence base to inform capability development of MOD and industry investment decisions.

This is a 1* chaired industry, MOD Future Capabilities Group (FCG) and Support Ops) board providing a focal point for cross cutting areas including sustainability, power & energy, data science, autonomy & automation and digital engineering capability. Through the FCG Open Innovation Laboratories (OIL), it provides early market engagement mechanism to the Centres of Expertise of battlefield digitisation, expeditionary robotics, operational energy and high value manufacturing support.

Through a lens of resilience and sustainability, support a range of collaborative engagement across the Support Function shape (support operations) future concepts research, (joint support) increasing supply chain resilience and (support transformation) implementing strategic asset management.

There are several 'Futures' activities with examples summarized below. For information about these and other activities please contact steve.green@teamdefence.info

Future Capability Group Open Innovation Laboratory

Accelerating capability and commercialising solutions benefits from collaborative early market engagement. Accessing a broad supply base requires agile open and collaborative engagement with academia and industries of all sizes including non-traditional suppliers. Aligned Command priorities and funding the Open Innovation Laboratories (OIL) has been established to provide the mechanism for engagement. TD-Info is supporting Future Capability Group with their industry engagements with the intent of commercialising new and innovative Defence Capabilities.

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Defence Support Sub-Working Groups

The future operating concept for support has been published and the future operating concept will help influence future research and experimentation activities. With many solutions that can be dual purposed for Defence creation of Support Advantage will require partnering and interoperability across the extended enterprise. Working with the MOD we are involved in several sub-working groups focusing on topics such as Digital Twin, Data Science and Distribution.

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CDLS AdM as a Service Working Group

We are providing secretarial support to the Defence Support Transformation Team in the delivery of Certification and Inventory Management Working Groups (WGs) as part of CDLS' Additive Manufacturing (AdM) as a Service Challenge. Through these WGs, a stakeholder community has been established from Industry and MOD, identifying key challenges and opportunities with the MOD vision of wider use of AdM across the Defence Supply Chain.

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Defence Support Digital Twin

The Defence Support Digital Twin Community of Practice promotes collaboration and mutually beneficial outcomes in the development of UK Digital Twin capabilities for Engineering, Equipment and Logistic Support across development lifecycles.

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Defence Artificial Intelligence Centre (DAIC)

TD-Info and the DAIC work collaboratively on staging events to explore artificial intelligence (AI) application across Defence.

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Defence Modelling & Simulation Office (DMSO)

TD-Info and the DMSO work collaboratively on developing future Modelling and Simulation services pan-Defence.

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Capability & Infrastructure

Delivery Continuity Executive

Early mitigation of threats to continuity of delivery, meeting needs of industry and MOD. Mutual understanding between providers and users in industry of MOD information services. Establishing more effective sharing and exchange of data, which improves decision making across contracts for Defence Support increased re-use of MOD information.

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Industry Customer Engagement Forum (ICEF)

The ICEF fulfils two roles: it represents the interests of industry consumers of MOD information and acts as an advisory change management board for users of MOD products and services operating outside the MOD estate.

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Natural Capital & Infrastructure (NC&I)

A Community of Practice focused on the natural capital and infrastructure domain engaging with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to address a range of initiatives and activities.

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Defence Asset Management

A standing joint MOD, Defence Industry and the Institute of Asset Management (IAM) Community of Practice. The IAM is the Asset Management (AM) professional body and is represented by the IAM Southwest branch.

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Skills, Learning & Development

TD-Info began creating its own Podcasts some time ago. Hosting and curating podcasts on behalf of other organisations. A good example is the recent 3* Board and Distribution in January 2023.

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TD-Info Excellence Award & Good Practice Market Place at the annual Defence Information Event

The TD-Info Excellence Award and Good Practice Market Place – held at the annual Defence Information (DI) conference – recognises, celebrates and shares successful collaboration practices in Team Defence.

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ASD-STE100 Simplified Technical English® (STE) Training Courses

As part of this Community of Interest, TD-Info has established a programme of Simplified Technical English® Training Courses. This training is mandatory for engineers responsible for the preparation of company technical publications but is applicable to a wide range of businesses.

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Joint Professional Development Working Group

Purpose: Establishing common methods of recognition for Supportability Engineering and Support Supply Chain Management professionals to UK Engineering Council Specifications. This includes Engineering Technologist (EngTech), Incorporated and Chartered levels.

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Projects

We usually have several specific projects under way. These may or may not be related to the activities on this chart. Please see the website for project details.

Vanguard

The Vanguard is a board of early career professionals formed to bring fresh perspectives to today's problems and initiatives in the UK Defence enterprise. The strategic aim is to work collaboratively, in a commercially neutral forum, to:

- 1. Harness Diversity of Thought
- 2. Challenge the Norm
- 3. Push for Progress

We are continually looking for early career members for our Vanguard programme. If interested, please contact Philippa.

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Digital Climate Change & Sustainability

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