

## Update on the Defence Support Network (Transformation) Programme and Request for Completion of Project Initiation Documents (PIDs)

### Team Defence Information Briefing for Industry

#### Summary

- The Defence Support Network (Transformation) (DSN(T)) concept phase has concluded and the programme has entered its delivery phase, following submission and approval of a Main Gate Business Case.
- The delivery phase is expected to run until March 2020, although the transformation of the DSN will extend beyond this period.
- It is recognised that Industry is a key DSN(T) stakeholder, as a significant proportion of the spend on Defence support relates to outsourced activities.
- Accordingly, as part of the delivery phase, there will be an Industry Enablers work stream, within which a number of potential industry innovation projects have been identified, examples of which could be:
  - Information Flow and Exchange.
  - Support Optimisation.
  - Optimise Joint Government/ Industry Assets.
  - Information Innovation.
- To facilitate this, the DSN(T) Programme Management Organisation (PMO) is commencing an informal market engagement exercise through Team Defence Information (TD-Info)<sup>1</sup>.
- All Industry parties are invited to participate in this informal market engagement exercise, through the contribution to and/or the submission of a DSN(T) Project Initiation Document (PID).
  - **To find out more, you are encouraged to contact TD-Info's Task Force representative for DSN(T) activities: Kevin Atkins - [ruthlinbs@outlook.com](mailto:ruthlinbs@outlook.com).**
- Following receipt of the PIDs, a prioritisation review will be undertaken by the DSN(T) PMO to identify any follow-on activity to be supported through the DSN(T) delivery phase.
  - Follow on activity will be the subject of a competition process, where appropriate.
- The DSN(T) SRO - Major General Angus Fay - will be attending a TD-Info sponsored event on 08 September 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> TD-Info is the new branding for the organisation that was called 'UKCeB'. See [www.teamdefence.info](http://www.teamdefence.info) TD-Info is an established Industry trade body that provides a trusted forum where MOD and Industry work together as 'Team Defence' for the common good. Industry has a significant 'embedded' presence and role in defence. To illustrate the scale with one example: around one third of total email users over MOD networks are from Industry - approximately 120,000 Industry users. Industry partners who work closely with and on behalf of the MOD, share common ways of working and use the same MOD-supplied ICT services as MOD colleagues. Hence, 'Team Defence' as our shorthand for joint MOD-Industry working.

## About the DSN(T) Programme



DSN(T) is “the business change programme that will improve force sustainability for operations through minimising the deployed footprint, optimising the strategic base, and reducing the enterprise cost of Support.”

## Next Steps

- Review the [PID Blank Template](#) alongside a [PID ‘Worked Example’](#)
- Contact TD-Info staff member Kevin Atkins ([ruthlinbs@outlook.com](mailto:ruthlinbs@outlook.com)) to learn more &/or discuss possible areas of interest for making a PID(s) submission
- Prepare and submit your PID(s) ahead of the deadline of 15 August – (even if partially complete)

## Documents on the TD-Info Website

Team Defence Information is facilitating contacts with Industry and, using its association with ADS & tech<sup>UK</sup>, seeks to share information on DSN(T) with as wide a defence supplier base as possible.



We have created a ‘placeholder’ space for DSN(T) information on the TD-info website at [www.teamdefence.info](http://www.teamdefence.info) (click on the links below). Note that content is in the members’ area of the TD-Info website and you need to Sign-In to access them. If you urgently need access to the documents mentioned, you can email the TD-Info contact for DSN(T) Kevin Atkins at [ruthlinbs@outlook.com](mailto:ruthlinbs@outlook.com) (or, in future, [kevin.atkins@teamdefence.info](mailto:kevin.atkins@teamdefence.info)).

Links on TD-Info website: [DSN\(T\) Project](#) and [Key Word: DSN\(T\) – Defence Support Network \(Transformation\)](#). Content on these webpages will be developed as more information is available.