



Ministry  
of Defence

# Defence Supplier Capability Development Programme



## Building a stronger and more productive defence sector

In the Defence and Security Industrial Strategy and the Defence Command Paper Refresh, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) committed to support the development of a more productive and competitive UK defence sector. As a result, the MOD has launched the **Defence Supplier Capability Development Programme** to provide significant support for UK-based Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) and Mid-tier suppliers in the defence sector supply chain.

**The programme will offer UK based suppliers growing in the sector up to £200,000 worth of customised support over the course of a year, tailored to their specific developmental requirements. This support will be funded by the MOD, with companies being required to demonstrate matched resource commitment through the time they spend on improvement activities.**

## How will businesses benefit from the programme?

### Access to world-leading expertise

The programme will be delivered by Grant Thornton, Cranfield University, Jacobs Engineering, Ixion Innovation, The Shaw Trust, and Business in Focus – a team of leading business advisers with expertise in professional advice, defence sector, technical knowledge, innovation, resourcing, and business support programmes.

Support tailored to the specific needs of each business:



### Diagnostic assessment

The programme conducts an initial diagnostic assessment to evaluate each business's capabilities and needs, which is crucial in building the Business Improvement Plan.



### Suite of support topics

The programme supports businesses in five key areas: strategy, operations, sales, finance, and people, covering everything from managing risk and horizon scanning to leadership and culture training.



### Flexible delivery methods

Support will be delivered through a combination of one-to-one support from specialists, group and peer-to-peer activity, classroom training and workshops, industry introductions, access to a range of learning toolkits and analyst support.

## How can my business be part of this programme?

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to receive significant support for your SME or Mid-tier supplier in the defence sector supply chain. To register your interest please complete the short form here which will take less than a minute to complete: [www.DSCDP.co.uk](http://www.DSCDP.co.uk)

All expressions of interest will be followed up with an application form to assess your business's suitability to the programme.

If you have any questions please contact our team at [DSCDP@uk.gt.com](mailto:DSCDP@uk.gt.com)

The MOD's delivery partner on this programme is Grant Thornton UK LLP.



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