

and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), focuses on innovations which can provide advantage to defence and national security to protect the UK from its adversaries.

DASA funds the development of suppliers' innovative ideas and provides support through to potential application. The Accelerator will also fund innovations for defence and security which support economic growth and prosperity in the UK.

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DEFENCE GROWTH PARTNERSHIP (DGP)

The Defence Growth Partnership is a unique collaboration between UK Government and leading companies from the UK defence industry. It has been formed to meet the challenges of increased international competition for defence business, and has created a collaborative environment to enable the UK to offer the very best solutions to defence customers, tailored to meet global customer needs, including the MOD.

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UK DEFENCE SOLUTIONS CENTRE (UKDSC)

The UK Defence Solutions Centre was established as an independent entity in 2015 and works to make the UK defence industry more successful in exports through:

- Better alignment with UK Government.
- Better collaboration within the UK value chain.
- Stimulating innovation and investment from a broad range of sources.

Created as part of the implementation plan for the Defence Growth Partnership (DGP) and jointly funded by Government and industry, UKDSC works closely with the Department for International Trade's Defence & Security Organisation (DIT DSO), the UK Government and the best of the defence industry, academia and Research & Development (R&D).

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INNOVATE UK

Innovate UK is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

They work with companies to de-risk, enable and support innovation and run competitions for funding in different industry sectors, including the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI), and an open competition for applications from any sector. They also run 'connecting services' including business advice for SMEs.

SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH INITIATIVE

SBRI brings together Government challenges and ideas from business to create innovative solutions.

The information at <https://gov.uk/government/collections/sbri-the-small-business-research-initiative#sbri-overview> provides details about how the SBRI programme works. It also gives examples of public sector bodies and businesses that have taken part.

It is aimed at:

- Businesses that might want to apply to an SBRI competition and find out how it works and how other businesses have benefited.
- Public sector organisations that might be interested in benefiting from running an SBRI competition and getting Innovate UK help to do it.

CONTRACTING, PURCHASING AND FINANCE (CP&F) TOOL

We are currently developing a replacement system for our procurement tools. The CP&F system will provide a single end-to-end capability by providing significant change opportunities for the MOD and its suppliers in terms of improved contract visibility. It will enable a more efficient, effective and reliable process as well as providing timely management information.

All existing paper processes will be replaced, providing a significant step towards the Government directive that all procurement action is to be electronically conducted by 2017.

Release 2 functionality incorporated both our purchasing (P2P) and payment (DFMS) systems into one tool (CP&F). With Release 3 we will be incorporating the processes of demand capture and contract management into CP&F and retiring ASPECT from service.

Release 3 will also allow for project teams and contract stakeholders to manage their key performance indicators and deliverables on the system, including the ability to monitor and report on them to ensure contract performance is maintained.

Unlike the big bang approach of Release 2 where all MODTLBs went live at the same time, Release 3 will be a phased eight month roll-out. Adoption is currently scheduled to begin in April/May 2018 with assistance from the CP&F Business Transformation team. Work is currently underway within the team to establish a plan of action.