

SOCIETY OF MARITIME INDUSTRIES (SMI)

The Society of Maritime Industries (SMI) is the voice of the UK's maritime engineering and business sector promoting and supporting companies which design, build, refit and modernise ships, and supply equipment and services for all types of commercial and naval ships, ports and terminals infrastructure, offshore oil and gas, maritime security and safety, marine science and technology, maritime autonomous systems and marine renewable energy.

SMI provides a wide range of activities both internationally and in the UK for the benefit of the maritime engineering business community. The members' interests are represented by our six councils which focus on the markets in offshore energy, marine science and technology, commercial maritime operations, ship building, repair and equipment, naval platforms, systems and equipment, maritime autonomy, maritime security and safety, and ports and terminals infrastructure.

Our activities follow our objectives of presenting members with business opportunities, assisting with research and innovation, lobbying government and NGOs to improve the business environment, facilitating network opportunities and providing marketing and other services.

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TECHUK

techUK represents the companies and technologies that are defining today the world that we will live in tomorrow.

More than 900 companies are members of techUK. Collectively they employ approximately 700,000 people, about half of all tech sector jobs in the UK. These companies range from leading FTSE 100 companies to new innovative start-ups. The majority of our members are small and medium-sized businesses.

techUK is committed to helping its members and the sector grow. It does this by helping members to:

Develop markets

- techUK works with its members to identify and advance innovation in the key markets representing the most significant opportunities for growth both domestically and internationally.

Develop relationships and networks

- techUK helps companies broaden their network, build connections and deepen relationships with potential customers, partners and suppliers.

Reduce business costs

- techUK works with our members to identify and help shape key public policy issues to optimise our industry's economic potential – both domestically and overseas.

Reduce business risks

- techUK affords unique insights into key issues to help members make more informed decisions – and ensure a competitive edge in their markets.

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UKCEB

The UKCeB mission is to transform secure information-sharing for through-life collaboration in defence acquisition and support.

Via the Joint Information Group (JIG), UKCeB activities support the Defence Suppliers Forum, the major conduit for MOD-industry relationships, chaired by the Secretary of State.

UKCeB key points include:

- A not-for-profit membership organisation that provides a trusted forum for UK MOD and industry to improve secure collaboration in areas of common good, such as Identity & Access Management (IdAM).
- Under governance of a Joint Information Group (JIG) comprising MOD and industry with a Concept of Operations (ConOps) comprising a Coherence Community and Project Teams that are supported by an Engagement Team, a Communications Team and a Programme Manager.
- Membership of 120-plus companies from Tier 1 multinationals to Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs).
- A unique Team Defence perspective that is end-to-end and through-life where industry is both supplier and co-user of information services with the MOD.

Secure information-sharing is essential for organisations to work efficiently and effectively across the Team Defence Supply Chain and Support Network, while retaining protection and audit for sensitive information. The focus of UKCeB is on improving collaboration 'across the boundaries' between organisations in defence, including the MOD.

Collective member activities are coordinated by a UKCeB Task Force. UKCeB facilitates coherence, common solutions (including interoperability) and development and exploitation of corporate memory.

Team Defence

'Team Defence' is a shorthand reference for organisations that collaborate securely across the defence enterprise to achieve end-to-end delivery of materiel and services, including support through-life. Team Defence is holistic and includes users (eg the MOD, Allies, Other Government Departments and contractors) and industry suppliers. The latter spans multinational prime

contractors and niche SMEs, securely collaborating across the defence supply chain and support network.

The role of industry in Team Defence is broadening as it undertakes a greater share of running operations on behalf of the MOD. Through a need to drive efficiency, both industry and the MOD are interested in standardisation and use of so-called 'Common Off The Shelf' or COTS technology products. With its Team Defence construct, UKCeB promotes awareness that ('embedded industry') suppliers are often 'co-users' with the MOD of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) products and services. Hence, the UKCeB promotes shared understanding of good practices and facilitates a range of holistic Team Defence contributions in areas such as requirements specifications, scenario planning and policy development.

Exploiting the common good

UKCeB facilitates activities to exploit the business benefits from adopting improved 'common good' capabilities for Team Defence. The focus is around the business requirements for secure collaboration.

Enabling technologies, policies, processes and standards need to be in harmony to enable straightforward and cost-saving methods of interworking. Examples of UKCeB areas of 'common good' include email, identity and access management, collaborative working environments, competences and professional qualifications.

UKCeB brings together organisations in the defence supply chain and support network – along with the MOD, to advance understanding of secure collaboration capabilities. Members work to coordinate in-step adoption of capabilities across Team Defence in a manner that maximises the value of investments.

This consensus approach includes development and use of common standards and processes and exploitation of mutually beneficial enabling technologies. Such work can have an enterprise-wide impact that delivers huge benefits and savings.

UKCeB is a 'self-help' organisation whose challenging work harnesses the contributions of membership organisations for the common good. A diverse membership, comprising industry and the MOD, supports a unique 'Team Defence' perspective that recognises the need to handle valuable information securely across organisations and international boundaries and among parties that at times are collaborating and at other times are competing.

UKCeB operates as a non-profit distribution body comprising more than 100 member organisations (and around 600 registered active website users) including defence and aerospace companies, suppliers of ICT products and services, the MOD and related trade associations techUK and the ADS Group. Some members have Lead Sponsor status which entitles them to participate in governance and formulation of strategy. Many members are companies that are sub-contractors and/or are SMEs providing niche products and services. While by no means exhaustively representative, UKCeB provides a collective 'Voice of Industry' – for instance in consultations with the MOD.

UKCeB has a non-partisan role in bringing together the right people to address issues of common value and concern in a 'neutral' forum. It is a torch bearer for the use of global standards and promotes practical initiatives such as the secure communications tools emerging from the Transglobal Secure Collaboration Program (TSCP).