



UK MILITARY FLYING TRAINING SYSTEM (UKMFTS) PROJECT TEAM

The UKMFTS Project Team is part of the Combat Air pillar within the DE&S organisation. UKMFTS is a Major Defence Change Programme to deliver a world-class flying training system for all UK Military Aircrew.

UKMFTS will deliver a coherent, flexible and integrated flying training capability catering for the needs of the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force and the Army Air Corps. The flying training system takes aircrew from initial training through elementary, basic and advanced flying training phases to their arrival at their designated operational aircraft. The focus for UKMFTS is to achieve a holistic system based on capability and service delivery; it is not solely about the provision of aircraft platforms. It also offers an opportunity to modernise the flying training processes for all three Services, realise efficiencies and, since training is currently spread across several organisations, take advantage of potential economies of scale.

The MOD appointed Ascent Flying Training Ltd, a joint venture of Lockheed Martin and Babcock International, in May 2008 as its Training System Partner to work with the MOD over the life of the project to deliver incrementally the total aircrew training requirement. To date the MOD and Ascent have contracted for the Fast Jet, Rear Crew Stage 1, Fixed Wing and Rotary Wing Training Packages. Further opportunities for industry to engage in future work may develop following increased requirements resulting from the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review. Ascent is the main focal point for such industry contact (details below). UKMFTS PT is also responsible for providing support to Hawk TMk1, Tucano and Glider aircraft, in addition to undertaking the role as Type Airworthiness Authority in support of Beech King Air 250/350ER and the Hawk TMk2 (Advanced Jet Trainer).

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FAST AIR SUPPORT TEAM

The Fast Air Support Team (FAST) delivers Project team activities in support of:

- Typhoon aircraft
- Tornado aircraft
- Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) aircraft
- Crew Escape Systems Team

Currently some of FAST's main responsibilities include providing on-going support to Tornado in Afghanistan and continuing to bring Typhoon into service, as well as the objectives listed below:

- Support and sustain FAST platforms and equipment through life;
- Develop a highly professional and motivated FAST workforce;
- Deliver an affordable and funded equipment and support programme for FAST within Approvals;
- Build more effective and constructive relationships with our Stakeholders, including MOD, Industry and international partners;
- Ensure FAST platforms and equipment safety, airworthiness and governance is fit for purpose; maintain an efficient, structured and optimised organisation to meet FAST outputs.

FAST staff are based in approximately 20 locations worldwide. The list below shows the main locations in which FAST staff work.

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AIR SUPPORT OPERATING CENTRE

AIR PLATFORM SYSTEMS PROJECT TEAM (APS PT)

The Air Platform Systems Project Team (APS PT) is responsible for the development, procurement and in-service support of a range of systems and equipment.

The main areas covered are: Targeting and Mission Systems (Electro-optic Targeting, Mission Planning and Support Systems), Global Positioning Systems (UK GPS Project Office and Navigational Warfare), Platform Protection Systems (Electronic Warfare and Defensive Aid Suites) and Identification Equipment (SIFF, Mode S and Mode 5).

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AIRSEEKER PROJECT TEAM

The Airseeker Project Team delivers into RAF service the US Rivet Joint aircraft and associated ground and training systems, together with a cooperative support package.

The Project Team, part of the Air ISTAR Programme Team, is based in Abbey Wood and RAF Waddington and manages the Foreign Military Sales case, through which this new system has been delivered, and the Sustainment & Follow-on Development Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that provides through life support, both with the United States Government. The team also plays a role in supporting the sponsor and user across several Defence Lines of Development that provide, sustain and improve the overall military capability being acquired through the Airseeker programme.

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STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND AIR-TO-AIR REFUELLING (STAAR) PROJECT TEAM

The Voyager Project Team is responsible for the Voyager aircraft programme.

Voyager is one of MOD's Private Finance Initiative (PFI) projects through a 27-year PFI service contract with AirTanker (shareholders: EADS, Rolls-Royce (RR), Thales, Cobham and Babcock Group) for the provision of an advanced air-to-air refuelling (AAR) and passenger air transport (AT) capability for the RAF. AirTanker are providing a fleet of 14 new aircraft based on the Airbus A33-200 – powered by Rolls-Royce Trent engines.

The Voyager contract also includes the provision of all necessary infrastructure at RAF Brize Norton, including a state-of-the-art two-bay hangar, training facilities, maintenance, flight operations, fleet management and ground service to enable worldwide AAR and AT missions. The AT service commenced in May 2012 (with one aircraft available), and full peacetime AAR capability was achieved in May 2014, with the full capability of a fleet of 14 aircraft available by September 2016.

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