

UAS CDC

Steering Group Outbrief



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The fourth One-Star Steering Group for the UAS CDC was held on 24th January with representation from the Capability areas, the Front Line Commands, DE&S and Dstl. The Group directed the Management Board to press ahead with their engagement with Industry and in quantifying the benefits of their activities.

Background

The UAS CDC pilot was established to assess the feasibility and benefits of an intelligent customer function for UAS Test & Evaluation (T&E) and training that provides access to independent, informed and holistic advice and solutions for UK Defence. The goal of the UAS CDC is to serve the widest possible audience, from researchers to operators across MOD (all Services, warfare centres, and development/evaluation units), Industry and Other Government Departments (OGD). Activities to date are generating benefits data, and the pilot phase has been extended to March 2014 to cover the period while the solution for a long-term capability is agreed.

Head of Capability JTES (CAP WECA) - Dr Dai Morris has approved an operating plan describing how the UAS CDC

will work during the pilot phase, including commercial arrangements. The Steering Group is also commenting on the plan. This document will be available to industry partners that sign the Non-Disclosure Agreement. We are also in discussion with ADS and the Aerospace KTN about possible attendance at meetings and the promulgation of future out-briefs.



In Brief

Operating Plan approved

39 Enquiries received by 24th January 2013

UAS CDC Supports Dstl in letting Research Area contract

Open Supplier Register in Development

UAS CDC Website in development

Next Steering Group Meeting 14th May 2013

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Current Activities

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By 24th January 2013 the UAS CDC had received 39 enquiries. The Management Board (MB) assesses all enquiries to ensure they are within scope, to prioritise them and to approve resource. The MB has prioritised enquiries that progress the more pressing issues for UK MOD, whilst ensuring appropriate attention to the others in terms of estimating effort and support requirements.



The enquiry subject matter is wide-ranging and ten of the enquiries have progressed to more substantive tasks. Tasks include: an assessment of the applicability of current [manned aircraft] design standards to UAS; the implications of long duration UAS flight operations in the UK; and development of a roadmap for future UAS T&E requirements. This latter task included a workshop on future UAS T&E for industry participants at the recent ADS TSET conference. If you are interested in contributing to this activity, please contact us through the links below.

How the UAS CDC addresses and responds to approved enquiries will be influenced by its ability to engage and collaborate with a wide range of industry participants and, of course, industry's ability (and willingness) to engage and support the UAS CDC. It is encouraging that we have seen a good response to the recent requests for support on a research task exploring future UAS T&E requirements and also on a task to support trials for Dstl. The UAS CDC is committed to full engagement with industry so as to determine the best solutions for MOD and we are encouraged that six companies (ranging from very large to very small organisations) are already delivering work under contract to support UAS CDC tasks. Over the coming months we will be looking for increased support on a range of topics, all of which Industry will be well-placed to undertake. The development of the UAS CDC's Open Supplier Register is commencing and this will quickly identify capabilities across industry, thus enabling rapid engagement (contracting).

We will be launching a website to provide updates and details of current activities.

The next Steering Group meeting is scheduled for 14th May 2013 and we will issue a further update after that meeting.

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