Expression of Interest (EOI)

Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap)

Industry Advisory Group (IAG)

# Background

The Army HQ wish to form an Industry Advisory Group (IAG). The aim of the IAG is to inform Army HQ and the MOD on the thoughts and views of industry and academia in order to assist them in meeting their objectives and obligations regarding the development of a cohesive approach to Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap). The information in this document is supported by the Terms of Reference. For more information, please see the IAG Terms of Reference.

# Features of the Group

## Appointment

Members of the IAG will be selected from organisations that have successfully submitted an application form (link to application form) and meet the necessary membership criteria. These members will be selected by Army HQ with the support of the UK Defence Solutions Centre. Organisations will be selected so that a wide range of knowledge and experience is represented.

Members will be expected to keep all discussions and proceedings confidential, therefore individuals will be required to sign a UKDSC Non-Disclosure Agreement once selected and before joining the group, in order to allow open and constructive discussions. The IAG will be acting in the interests of the United Kingdom, and therefore any member organisations must be willing to do the same.

## Rules of engagement and operation of the group

The meetings of the IAG will initially be convened by the UKDSC.

The IAG will act at the request of Army HQ and will be bound by the Terms of Reference. The group will convene on scheduled periods (approximately every quarter) or by invitation from Army HQ. Meetings will be hosted by the UKDSC, who will provide secretariat services.

Members should attend meetings and actively contribute to group discussions. Invitations are specific to individuals or a named deputy who may stand-in in the event of sickness, holiday, etc. However, for continuity, it is expected that the primary named contact will attend.

There will be no remuneration for services offered.

## Transparency

The membership of the IAG, the dates and times of the IAG meetings, their agendas and summary of discussions will be made available by Army HQ unless it is necessary to keep this information confidential.

# Selection Procedure

All applications will be assessed against the selection criteria stated in this document and in the Terms of Reference (Link to the TOR’s). During the selection procedure, a balanced representation of views and expertise from different areas of industry and different backgrounds will be sought to provide a high level of expertise relevant to the IAG areas of interest.

# Membership Criteria

 Where applicable, applicants for the IAG must meet the following criteria:

* Relevant competence and experience in areas relevant to Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap).
* Demonstrable interest in the development of sovereign capability in Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap).
* Experience, qualification and applicability of the proposed representative, who must be a UK national. Suitable representatives may include senior personnel with strong technical backgrounds. Sales representatives may not be appropriate.
* Industrial organisations must be incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered with Companies House.
* Industrial organisations should be based in the UK or have a strong UK footprint, whereby the organisation can and does make a tangible difference to UK capability and capacity. This may take the form of significant manufacturing facilities and/or R&D facilities. A UK sales office alone would not make an organisation eligible.
* Academic organisations must be based in the UK
* Understanding of the defence sector and requirements is advantageous, but in order to encourage broader input and expertise from a wide range of sectors, this is not mandatory.

For more information, please see the Terms of Reference.

# Application Procedure

Organisations interested in applying to join the IAG must include a completed application form (link to application form) stating which member category the application is for and how the organisation satisfies the membership criteria. Any application which is accepted will require a signed UKDSC Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and Terms of Reference before the organisation is allowed to participate in the IAG.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to LAND.IAG@ukdsc.org by 17:00 on 25th June 2021.

# Deadline for Application

The deadline for application to become a member of the ‘Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap) Industry Advisory Group’ is 17:00 on 25th June 2021.

# Announcement of Successful Applicants

Applicants who are successful in being selected as members of the Sustainable Technology and Implications for Land Capability (STIL Cap) Industry Advisory Group (IAG) shall be informed prior to the Land Industry Symposium on 15th July 2021.