



In Brief

- UAS CDC Website now launched, go to:
www.uascdc.com
- Year One (Y1) performance reported to Steering Group.
- Set-up and delivery objectives achieved.
- 40+ enquiries received in Y1; 12 matured to detailed tasks.
- Performance against CSF's reviewed.
- Open Supplier Register launched via DCB; list of suppliers now growing
- Year Two objectives defined.
- DSEI 2013 attendance planned to continue Industry engagement.

- Next Steering Group Meeting 1 October 2013

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Background

The UAS CDC undertook its end-of-year reporting in-period, re-visiting the first year's objectives and reporting progress to date. In year one, the team reported that over 40 enquiries were managed, with 12 maturing to more detailed tasks. Challenges in resolving the operational framework resulted in delays letting subcontracts with industry (now resolved).

The finalising of the Operating Manual (reported Issue No.4) has enabled the UAS CDC to progress several pending tasks requiring Industry support; the team are now actively engaging with various organisations on several fronts.

To support this and other activity, a notice was issued via Defence Contracts Bulletin for organisations to register their interest (and respective capabilities in the UAS T&E domain) via the UAS CDC's Open Supplier Register (OSR). Further invitations to register will be issued, the OSR being 'open' to registrants at any time.

The UAS CDC pilot now moves into its second year and consolidation of its enduring benefit to Defence is being undertaken.

Current Activities

The resolution of the UAS CDC's approach to Industry engagement has enabled work to progress in earnest. Current tasks include the provision of small UAS to a trial programme (as notified via DCB), development of [UAS-related] knowledge/information management options for Defence and other emergent UK-based trials requirements.

Work continues on the previously reported assessment of the applicability of current [manned aircraft] design standards to UAS with Industry support to this currently being sought and assessed.

The development of a roadmap for future UAS T&E requirements remains a key, on-going work package and Industry's contribution to this activity is important, therefore, if not done so already, please contact us if you would like provide input and/

or thoughts on this matter.

It continues to be the case that 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. The launch of the Open Supplier Register has seen a steady flow of interest which will enable more ready engagement with those registrants on future tasks.

The research task currently underway involving six companies (ranging from very large to very small organisations) is due to report at the end of July to a MOD audience at a UAS CDC-facilitated forum; this will see the culmination of a collaborative approach to a

complex set of questions and the output (and feedback) is keenly awaited.

The UAS CDC anticipates attendance at DSEI13; supporting the UAS Symposium and other event 'themes' throughout the week will enable plenty of opportunity for further engagement with Industry. If you are attending, we would be pleased to meet up and discuss the CDC, emergent work or other issues you may like to raise.

Finally, the UAS CDC website has now been launched. Please visit the website at:

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