News story: UK Space Agency announces new funding for industry

The UK has a thriving space industry. Credit: Airbus.

The grants of €200,000 have been organised by the UK Space Agency and European Space Agency as a new way of applying for funding for technology developments under ESA's General Support Technology Programme (GSTP) which has existed for nearly 25 years.

Dr Graham Turnock, Chief Executive at the UK Space Agency, said:

"The GSTP has proven to be a successful way of building know-how and capabilities in the industry and this latest funding will help keep the UK at the forefront of technological innovation.

"The Government's recently published Industrial Strategy set out a clear vision for the UK to become the world's most innovative nation and we are working with industry to capture 10% of the global space market by 2030."

This new route to GSTP funding allows those interested in the programme to propose a project for development in their area of interest directly to UK Space Agency and ESA. In turn the Agency will be able to fund some of these new ideas straight away, and it is hoped continue discussion on other promising ideas with a view to future development.

The UK Space Agency has invested 35 million euros in the current 3-year phase of the GSTP, which aims to convert promising engineering concepts into a broad range of products — everything from individual components up to complete satellites and satellite applications. The only area of technology it does not cover is that related to telecoms, which are covered in other ESA programmes.

The new funding is aimed at smaller 'entry level' projects, in both upstream and downstream, capable of de-risking technologies.

The funding opportunity is in addition to existing GSTP project opportunities and activity in the UK, and does not affect other engagement with the programme.

For more information on how to apply, download the call documents below.

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News story: Do's and don'ts of completing an application to incorporate a CIC

Do's and don'ts of completing an application to incorporate a CIC

Need help with registering your Community Interest Company? We've identified the most common mistakes for each document you need to submit and compiled a list of Hints and Tips to get you on your way.

These are the forms you need:

Send the documents by post to Companies House with the £35 filing fee.

The form IN01

Do

- check that the company name you want is available by using Companies
 House Webcheck
- make sure the company has the name ending CIC, Community Interest Company or C.I.C. and is consistent on all forms
- tick the correct box in A4 ensure the box you tick is relevant to the type of articles of association that you are sending.
- complete Part 5 give details of the person(s) that will have significant control over the company (PSC). If there will be no PSC in relation to the company still tell us by ticking the correct box.
- tick L1 consent statement to tell us that the subscribers confirm that the people named as a director or secretary have agreed to act in that capacity.
- make sure that all the CICs subscribers sign part N1 individually OR if the CIC is being represented by an agent, complete section N2
- will you have more than 2 directors? Then download the INO1 <u>continuation</u> <u>sheet</u>
- contact Companies House with any queries on the IN01

Don't

• Tick box A3 — although your company name will end in CIC, Community interest Company or C.I.C. this does not mean that your company is exempt from using the word 'limited'.

The form CIC36

Remember your community Interest Statement (CIC36 form) and keep the name consistent with the other documents.

Do

• complete each section of the form - A, B, C and D

- give a clear description of the community of benefit A
- \bullet give a clear description of the CICs activities and how these will benefit the community B
- complete the 'surplus statement' on the end of section B
- read section C these are the declarations which are mandatory. You sign section D to confirm your understanding
- make sure that the number of directors that have signed section D are the same number of directors named in the form IN01

Don't

- apply to be a CIC if your main activity will be lobbying or campaigning for or against any local or national political party or government decision
- state in the surplus statement that the CIC will pay dividends to shareholders if the CIC will be <u>limited by guarantee</u> or limited by shares Schedule 2

The Memorandum of Association

Do

- make sure you use the correct memorandum of association for the type of company you have chosen i.e. limited by guarantee or limited by shares
- make sure all the directors named in the form INO1 have signed and dated the document

Don't

• Use separate forms for each person's signature, all signatures must be on one Memorandum

The Articles of Association

Do

make sure the asset locked body clauses are numbered correctly and

correspond with the conditions.

- choose a registered charity, another CIC or a Registered Society as your nominated asset locked body in clause 3.5
- choose the correct limited by shares model Schedule 2 to pay dividends to asset locked bodies or Schedule 3 to pay dividends to shareholders
- choose the correct Articles of Association for the type of company you have chosen i.e. limited by guarantee or limited by shares
- complete the objects clause the Regulator considers it to be good practice for the CIC to complete the objects clause in the articles and some funding bodies refer to this information when considering an application — however it is not mandatory

Don't

- nominate your CIC or a director of your CIC as the asset locked body in clause 3.5
- remove or alter any of the statutory clauses shown in red in our models
- make any additional clauses that will negate the meaning of the statutory clauses

Contacts

- email or telephone the CIC office if you have any questions on the CIC36 form or Articles of Association
- email or telephone Companies House if your questions relate to the INO1 or Memorandum

Do let us know what you think cicregulator@companieshouse.gov.uk

Don't think any question isn't worth asking.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Press release: Dean of Liverpool nominated: 31 January 2018

The Queen has approved the nomination of the Reverend Canon Susan Helen Jones, BEd, MPhil, PhD, Residentiary Canon at Derby Cathedral and Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Derby, to be appointed to the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Liverpool, on the elevation of the Very Reverend Peter Jonathan Wilcox, MA, DPhil as Bishop of Sheffield on 23 September 2017.

Press release: Motorists in Derby set to benefit from major upgrade scheme on the A38

The project, valued at around £225m, will make journeys between Birmingham and the M1 and through Derby quicker and simpler by separating long distance traffic from those making local journeys.

Specifically, the Kingsway, Markeaton and Little Eaton roundabouts will be replaced, with two underpasses and a flyover, which will collectively help to reduce congestion on this busy route.

In February and March 2015, Highways England ran a public consultation to discuss its proposals.

Highways England senior project manager, Graham Littlechild, said:

Following our consultation held in 2015 we carefully considered all feedback to select the best possible options to take forward as our preferred route. This process has been detailed and time consuming, but this has been necessary to ensure we make the correct decision.

Once complete, this scheme will alleviate three key bottlenecks for those travelling through Derbyshire on the A38.

Highways England will now do further work looking more closely at the local area, completing surveys and investigations to help design the scheme in greater detail.

There will also be a further period of consultation later this year, where Highways England will ask for views on a more detailed design before formally

submitting an application for a Development Consent Order.

Highways England will work with the local authorities to shape this consultation, to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to have their say.

If planning approval is granted, construction work on the scheme could start in 2020/21.

For more information about the preferred route announcement and about the scheme, visit the <u>scheme website</u>.

Alternatively email: <u>A38derbyjunctions@highwaysengland.co.uk</u> or call the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000.

General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

<u>Speech: David Currie's speech to the CMA Board reception in Scotland</u>

I am very pleased to be able to welcome you all here tonight. This is the CMA Board's third visit to Scotland and we have all benefited from the trip, as we have on the previous occasions we came to Edinburgh. I will speak in a minute about what we took from the discussions we've had this afternoon, which I know many of you attended. I would like first to reflect on what has occurred since our last visit back in November 2015. For a start, we have a new Chief Executive in Andrea Coscelli, who has taken the helm at an important point in the CMA's history. We have completed two very substantial market investigations into energy and banking and conducted important market studies in Digital Comparison Tools and Care Homes. We have stepped up our enforcement of consumer and competition law — penalising those who break the law and securing better protections for consumers. More about this later.

And the other big change affecting us is that the UK voted to leave the European Union. While the CMA doesn't have an opinion on the merits or otherwise of EU Exit, we are determined to help ensure markets continue to work well for consumers, businesses and the economy. EU Exit is likely to result in a bigger role for the CMA, and throws up some complex challenges as we prepare for the transition. The other change on the horizon is the

expansion of our office here in Scotland. This will allow us to have a wider range of professions based in Edinburgh engaging more closely with Scottish issues. It will mean additional staff working out of a larger office in Edinburgh. It will allow us to tap into new markets of talent, partner with others more effectively, and deliver on the CMA's commitment to being devolution aware across its functions. I'm really excited about the opportunity that this will create not just in Scotland but for the CMA as an organisation.

As you know, a main focus of the CMA, during the period that I have been Chair — which is coming, sadly, to an end — has been on strengthening our work in all the Devolved Nations and, more recently, across the English regions too. The CMA's devolved nations representatives, based across the cities of Belfast, Cardiff and here in Edinburgh, are key to ensuring that as an organisation we are able to gather insight and understanding of the particular circumstances of each nation.

Sheila and her team here in Edinburgh work hard to enable the full and effective contribution of Scottish stakeholders in the CMA's work. We are also creating the position of Director for Scotland and UK Nations to reflect the CMA's ambition and determination going forward.

These insights have been important to some of our more recent work, such as the market study on Care homes, which highlighted the unfair charges and practices affecting some of our most vulnerable consumers. We engaged throughout with the Scottish care industry, COSLA, the Scottish Government and consumer groups to ensure we understood the issues as they relate to Scotland. Important for the NHS here and elsewhere are a number of cases we are taking, investigating potentially anti-competitive agreements and concerted practices in relation to generic pharmaceutical products. This has already resulted in a record fine of £84.2 million to pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer and £5.2 million to distributor Flynn. In a different sector, we took action, which was upheld at appeal, against Aberdeen-based Balmoral tanks after the company breached competition law by exchanging competitively-sensitive information on prices and pricing intentions. We have also investigated a number of significant mergers: after careful consideration, we <u>approved the merger</u> of Tesco and Booker, we cleared the Standard Life/Aberdeen asset management merger, creating Europe's second largest fund manager; and also gave the go-ahead to Wood Group in its merger with Amec Foster Wheeler. All important mergers for Scotland. Overall, the last few years have been very busy and 2018 will be no exception.

In this context, the CMA team here in Scotland have been very active in the past year. They ran a series of well attended seminars: with Board member Michael Grenfell presenting on enforcement last January, our Senior Director, Consumer, Nisha Arora, talking on vulnerable consumers and Project Director, Will Hayter, explaining the CMA's work on digital comparison tools. The team has also been involved in policy discussions on a range of issues as diverse as: district heating, bus policy, the collaborative economy, Scotland's economic productivity, consumer policy and legal services. We feel that we do get a clear sense of Scottish priorities from working with the business, regulatory and consumer communities — and indeed, from politicians here.

However, we accept that there is always room for improvement and tonight is an opportunity for you to talk to us about what more we can do to ensure the Scottish voice is heard.

I'd like now to turn to the very rich discussions we have had with stakeholders this afternoon. We held a number of useful meetings, with the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, with Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Edinburgh University and the NHS National Services Scotland. We also had two roundtables: one with colleagues from the regulatory community in Scotland and one on the topic of EU exit. All of these meetings gave Board members invaluable insights on the challenges and opportunities facing Scotland now and in the immediate future, which will help inform our work as a competition authority.

Sadly, this will be my final visit to Edinburgh as Chairman of the CMA, but I expect to visit again in my new role of chair for the Advertising Standards Agency. I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you over the last six years and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support during my tenure.

Finally, I am delighted we are joined this evening by Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair work. The CMA has an important role advising government on how best to harness competition to achieve policy and economic goals, and there are a number of areas where we look forward to engaging with the Scottish Government. It is also working on developing its consumer and competition policy, a theme in which we are of course very interested. We look forward to working with Keith and the Scottish Government this year.

I'd now very much like to welcome the Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, jobs and fair work to say a few words.