

UK SECURITY AND RESILIENCE INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS COMMUNITY (RISC) RESPONSE TO INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY GREEN PAPER

Recognising that the UK's globally competitive security and resilience industry is vital to national security and economic prosperity, RISC is drafting a written response to the UK Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper, in collaboration with all Members, to provide a coherent voice on the security and resilience sector.

Please see the 14 questions which RISC will be aiming to respond to below. To provide a response to any of these questions, contact the RISC Secretariat through James Wilson: james.wilson@adsgroup.org.uk Deadline is 09:00, Wednesday 01 March 2017.

Selected questions for the RISC response:

- 5. What should be the priority areas for science, research and innovation investment?
- 6. Which challenge areas should the Industrial Challenge Strategy Fund focus on to drive maximum economic impact?
- 7. What else can the UK do to create an environment that supports the commercialisation of ideas?
- 13. What skills shortages do we have or expect to have, in particular sectors or local areas, and how can we link the skills needs of industry to skills provision by educational institutions in local areas?
- 17. What further actions can we take to improve the performance of infrastructure towards international benchmarks? How can government work with industry to ensure we have the skills and supply chain needed to deliver strategic infrastructure in the UK?
- 22. What are the barriers faced by those businesses that have the potential to scale-up and achieve greater growth, and how can we address these barriers? Where are the outstanding examples of business networks for fast growing firms which we could learn from or spread?
- 23. Are there further steps that the Government can take to support innovation through public procurement?
- 24. What further steps can be taken to use public procurement to drive the industrial strategy in areas where government is the main client, such as healthcare and defence? Do we have the right institutions and policies in place in these sectors to exploit government's purchasing power to drive economic growth?
- 25. What can the Government do to improve our support for firms wanting to start exporting? What can the Government do to improve support for firms in increasing their exports?
- 31. How can the Government and industry help sectors come together to identify the opportunities for a 'sector deal' to address especially where industries are fragmented or not well defined?
- 32. How can the Government ensure that 'sector deals' promote competition and incorporate the interests of new entrants?
- 33. How can the Government and industry collaborate to enable growth in new sectors of the future that emerge around new technologies and new business models?
- 34. Do you agree the principles set out above are the right ones? If not what is missing?
- 35. What are the most important new approaches to raising skill levels in areas where they are lower? Where could investments in connectivity or innovation do most to help encourage growth across the country?