

South East Midlands





Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.

In the South East Midlands a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

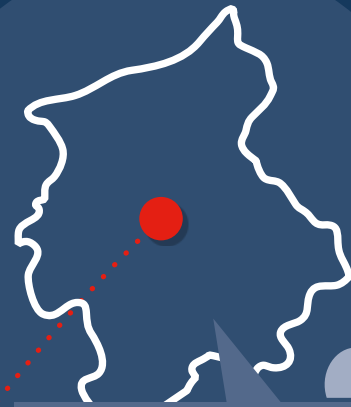
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£1.7m** to Cranfield University to help develop advanced 3-D printing technologies for the multi-billion pound aerospace sector.

 **£9.5m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the necessary infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **£15.5m** for Bedford 2020 which will improve travel choices and time reliability for the key corridors in and out of Bedford town centre.

 **1,031,500** people in employment, an increase of **117,900** since 2010. **50,500** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **16,450** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 2,017,000
Businesses: 93,690

Case study: Multi-User Environment for Autonomous Vehicle Innovation (MUEAVI)

The MUEAVI is a purpose-built transport corridor running through Cranfield University campus. Benefitting from £3m of funding, it is an experimental facility for the rapid development of on and off highway, ground and airborne autonomous solutions including vehicles infrastructure, data, logistics, environment, sensors and their implementation and management. Clients currently using the facility include Nissan, Oxbotica, Jaguar Land Rover, Honda and Westfield, and CORAM projects led by Innovate UK.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

The South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership is now working with the government to develop its Local Industrial Strategy.

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.