




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.

Across the GFirst area 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.

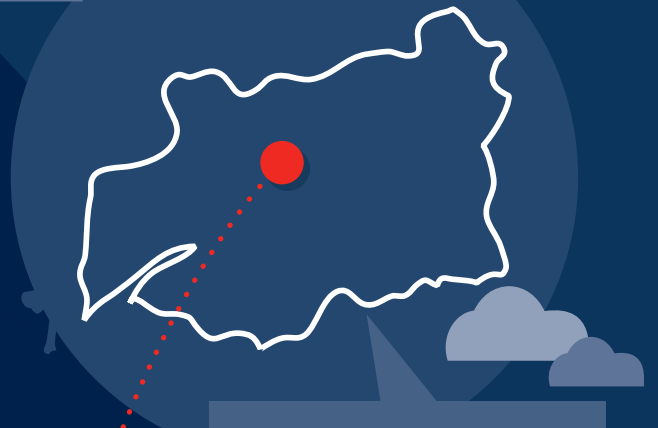
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£3m** investment for Farm491 hub in Cirencester providing high-spec facilities to foster entrepreneurship, ideas and collaboration.

 **£4.3m** for improvements to the A419 at Stonehouse to reduce peak hour congestion.

 **£11m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the vital infrastructure needed to access new and existing sites.

 **323,600** people in employment, an increase of **26,600** since 2010. **15,300** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **4,930** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 628,100
Businesses: 33,520

Case study: UK Cyber Business Park

The UK Cyber Business Park in Cheltenham supports the country's cyber security capability. Co-locating government, academia and industry on a single site, the £22m investment will ensure that this becomes the first facility of its kind in the country, playing a key role in ensuring that the UK remains one of the safest places to be and do business online.

For more examples
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GFirst 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.