



Working in partnership

This new programme is already engaged with a broad range of both traditional and non-traditional suppliers through a variety of contractual mechanisms.

Details of routes to contracting can be found in the 'How to sell to Dstl - get involved' factsheet.

Some examples of work delivered by Dstl and industry are:

- The qualification and integration of a UK space technology demonstrator payload, due for launch in 2015.
- A cubesat antenna patent has been filed relating to the use of carbon fibre Rolatube as a 'Storable Tubular Extendible Member' structure.
- A Dstl specified proof-of-concept prototype of a software definable, cross-banded, digital military communications satellite payload.

The Space Programme will develop solutions to further mature Space into a mainstream defence environment by 2025. It will support the Ministry of Defence in realising a flexible, reconfigurable and affordable military capability in support of the 2020 and 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Reviews, and support space procurement activities, including the successor to Skynet 5.

Working to the National Space Security Policy to enhance the UK's national security interests through space, the programme will help augment existing capabilities with affordable, rapidly deployable, new and novel capabilities to provide improved and increasingly responsive capabilities to deliver militarily relevant space capabilities.

It will develop an in-depth understanding of the impacts of space environmental effects on military systems; develop mitigation approaches; and develop optimisation methods to improve the utility of existing, planned and future military systems.



For more information about this programme, contact: centralenquiries@dstl.gov.uk

Approximate funding (2015/16):

£11.6 million - 60% is delivered externally*

*The 2015/16 funding is a projected forecast and is subject to change in-year.