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## **The Centre for Defence Enterprise**

The Centre for Defence Enterprise is a new MOD initiative to help suppliers get support for their ideas to ensure the best equipment, science and technology gets to our Armed Forces. It is the first point of contact for anyone with a disruptive technology, new process or innovation that has a potential defence application. The Centre acts as a gateway between the outside world and the Ministry of Defence (MOD), bringing together innovation and investment for the defence market, ensuring that our front-line forces have the best battle-winning technologies for the future.

A lot of UK innovation happens in small companies and universities and it can be difficult for them to break into the defence market. The Centre will support their access to the defence market and will be an environment where entrepreneurs, 'shed inventors', university spin-outs, SMEs or large companies can discuss ideas that could improve UK military capability.

Prior to submitting a proposal there will be an opportunity to individually discuss ideas with the staff at the Centre for Defence Enterprise, based at Harwell, Oxfordshire. Proposals for a CDE research contract can be submitted online ([www.science.mod.uk/enterprise](http://www.science.mod.uk/enterprise)) in a straightforward process. Once submitted proposals enter a rapid assessment according to an agreed and published set of criteria and you can track proposal progress online.

The Centre will be organising a monthly series of Technology Programme Seminars as well as networking opportunities for investors. Details of these seminars, and how to register will be on our website, [www.science.mod.uk/enterprise](http://www.science.mod.uk/enterprise)

The Centre for Defence Enterprise is part of the Defence Technology and Innovation Centre, within the Science Innovation Technology organisation of MOD.

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An exciting new way for MOD to find and fund innovative ideas using online application and rapid assessment

- Proof-of-concept funding in the form of a research contract
- Support from our military scientists and engineers
- MOD trials and testing facilities
- A mentoring service ensuring a single point of contact within the MOD
- A unique customer insight into both UK and non-domestic defence markets
- [www.science.mod.uk/enterprise](http://www.science.mod.uk/enterprise)

Dr Helen Almey will be speaking at 13:30 on Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June and 09:00 & 13:30 on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June in the Harris Room (Level +1).

Alternatively visit the science | innovation | technology exhibition stand in the Cromdale Hall (Level -2)