

DIESC Consortium Meeting

Minutes from the meeting held at **2.00 pm on**
Thursday 10 August 2017, The Loft, Mitchell Building, The University of Adelaide

Present:

Margot Forster - Chief Executive Officer, Defence Teaming Centre Inc (Chair)
Peter Ashman - Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences and Head of Chemical Engineering, University of Adelaide
Kristian Galanti - Senior Adviser Government Relations, Policy and Impact Team, RMIT University
Darshi Ganeson-Oats - Director Strategic Partnerships at South Metropolitan TAFE (SMTAFE)
Penny Johnston - Director, Defence Industries, TAFE SA
Andy Koronios - Dean: Industry & Enterprise, UniSA
Sonia Mackay Coghill - Executive Director Enterprise & Development, ECU
Nigel Relph - Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice President: External Relations and Strategic Projects, UniSA
John Roddick - Chair of Information Technology, Flinders University
Michael Webb - Director, Defence & Security, University of Adelaide
Tanya Vale (minutes) - Project Officer to the DVC: External Relations and Strategic Projects, UniSA

Item 1 - Apologies

George Mifsud, Adam Goodes, Brian Rungie, Sarah Taylor, Karl Sammut and Kerryn Smith

Item 2.1 Brief Summary of Progress to Date

Item 2.2 NSC Update

Members introduced themselves.

It was noted approximately 40 submissions were received for the NSC. The DIESC created a capabilities statement which also confirmed the intent of the consortium. DIESC submitted a non-compliant submission independently, engaged with Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII) and Babcock, and may have been included in the ASC partially compliant submission.

ACTION: MF to determine how DIESC was featured in the ASC submission.

DIESC's relationship with HII and Babcock was discussed. KG suggested DIESC write a submission to the Minister to stress the need for guidelines and governance between the prime contractor and other organisations.

Opportunities for the NSC Babcock briefing will be arranged once all NDAs are received. NDA's must be signed whether partners are attending the briefing or receiving a back-briefing. Any member who has not signed a NDA is to contact Babcock and request the form to complete.

ACTION: MF to aim to arrange a meeting to discuss the NSC submission and future collaboration with HII, if possible before the issue of the NSC tender, but failing that in the Sydney Pacific 2017 event.

MW confirmed Ernst and Young would be visiting Adelaide 15 August at 1030.

ACTION: DIESC partners to contact MW to join the meeting.

The relationship to AMC was discussed.

ACTION: DG (AMC board member) to approach AMC about joining DIESC stressing the consortium's collaborative nature

2.3 Plans for DIESC

The following priority areas for DIESC in the future were discussed:

1. relate to Primes as a consortium
2. and with SMEs via DTC
3. examine development of maritime and other defence oriented offerings across engineering and other discipline through share topics
4. stronger pipelines and articulation pathways, especially cross-state
5. Associate Degrees in Defence Systems and other themes to be identified
6. exploration of an ITTC with AMC with funding from companies such as Saab, Raytheon.
7. devise an Engineering Industry based defence PhD possibly with ARC funding
8. pool expertise in Cybersecurity
9. offering a similar course to the Masters in Command in Military Strategy delivered by Australian Defence College (ADC) to civilians.

It was noted these ideas above should be explored irrespective of the NSC and that they were all consistent with the DIESC document originally provided to Minister Pyne's office when the Consortium was initiated.

ACTION: MF to obtain the details of the ADC programme for circulation.

ACTION: JR to expand and summarise the ideas for DIESC's future directions via email and coordinate other members' input.

ACTION: SM to circulate the video link called 'lifejourney', which documents career paths for cybersecurity in an innovative way.

It was noted there are 3000+ companies involved in defence in Australia. The Federal Government is attempting to gauge the size of the shipbuilding industry and the related education programs. The DTC put a bid for Department of State Development funding to employ Workforce Skill Specialists.

MF confirmed the DTC will convene a Defence Industry Workforce Focus Group comprised of 22 defence industry companies to discuss how best to determine educational needs. The first meeting is 24 August. All DIESC partners welcome the findings from these meetings.

It was confirmed the two TAFEs and RMIT are informed by Industry Advisory Groups and their government funding is determined by skills needs. The universities also have industry advisory board to guide them in ensuring that programs are relevant to industry, although their funding model works differently.

ACTION: MF to circulate the first agenda of the Defence Industry Workforce Group and the invite for the new SA Government Sub Committee Advisory Board.

ACTION: DG to share SM TAFE's model of response to industry (oil and gas)

ACTION: Victorian and Western Australian partners are to nominate an industry association partner (= or similar to DTC) in their States that the DTC can collaborate with to include SME requirements from their respective states.

It was noted that Talent Management is a topic that DIESC needs to investigate but requires significant funding. To be revisited when NSC outcome is known.

2.4 Launch Event

NR is pursuing Minister Pyne to speak at the event which has capacity for 100 people.

ACTION: NR to draft run sheet for the event.

ACTION: All partners to inform NR who is attending from their organisation.

ACTION: MF to forward link to event, get a quote for the banner design and create an invite.

ACTION: KG to lead on a media strategy with the comms offices of other partners

ACTION: TV to email high res versions of logos to DTC.

ACTION: NR to draft an updated version of the capabilities document and produce a brochure for distribution at the event: prior to this all members will review the current document for accuracy.

2.5 DIESC Funding

ACTION: MF to follow up with all partners about the \$20k contribution to fund DIESC.

2.6 HII Legals

It was agreed that it is too early to engage lawyers to deal with Requests for Information.

AOB

It was noted the DIESC page is live on the DTC website and the DTC Gala Dinner is 21 September.

It was agreed that all partners ensure DIESC is in the subject line of all email correspondence.

ACTION: MF circulate the DIESC partner agreement for signatures.

The meeting concluded 3.55pm, date of next meeting to be confirmed.