



21st century supply chains

If your company manufactures for the aerospace and defence sectors in the South West, you can take advantage of a free, independent review, plus funding, to implement changes to improve your business.

The South West Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) is now working with the West of England Aerospace Forum (WEAF) to help aerospace and defence companies compete more effectively in the global marketplace. The South West MAS is offering a free review to help companies identify areas for improvement and opportunities for innovation and to explore how supply chain communication and collaboration can be enhanced.

Already working closely with manufacturers from all sectors in the region, the South West MAS helps companies improve their productivity and competitiveness. It was set up in 2002 to serve the 12,000 manufacturers in the South West that generate more than £11 billion for the local economy and employ nearly 300,000 people.

The work of the Government's manufacturing troubleshooters also supports the vision of Supply Chains for the 21st Century (SC21) – a nationwide strategy which is designed to ensure that UK supply chains remain competitive and deliver increased value to customers.

To date, its experienced manufacturing specialists have:

- Visited more than 780 manufacturers
- Delivered more than 3,500 days of best practice projects and workshops
- Organised more than 300 events for 6000 attendees
- Helped save more than £30 million across 350 businesses

Every day, across the region, the South West MAS runs lean projects for manufacturers as well as tailor-made programmes such as the Strategic Management Programme (SMP) that enables senior managers to devise and implement strategies for growth and the Operational Leadership Programme (OLP) for front line managers.



Supply Chains for the 21st Century

Industry leaders, such as Airbus, BAE Systems, AgustaWestland and Rolls Royce are already involved with Supply Chains for the 21st Century (SC21) and the South West MAS is encouraging suppliers to these companies to also get involved. SC21 aims to remove duplication in the accreditation process, increase efficiency, remove waste and improve collaboration and innovation throughout the supply chain.

There are a number of ways to get enrolled in SC21 either as part of an existing supply chain, as a network or cluster or as an individual business. Whichever route you take, the South West MAS is on hand to deliver a free* SC21 readiness assessment and help you devise an action plan to get the ball rolling.

*Notes on eligibility – SMEs can get a free readiness assessment and can access funding to support implementation for up to 20 days per year.

SC21 – the steps



IMPORTANT

There is training, support and funding available to local businesses – all you need to do is realise the opportunity!

South West Manufacturing Advisory Service

The trusted provider of advice and hands-on support for manufacturers aiming to achieve sustainable success

Feedback

"We have worked with South West MAS for nearly three years and throughout that time have implemented lean principles across the company. The support they provide is really focused and they are interested in sustained results not quick fixes."

David Proctor, *Managing Director
DP Engineering*

a manufacturer of components for the aerospace, medical and defence sectors

"Thanks to the South West MAS, I am now doing Continuous Improvement without knowing it!"

Paul Mullen, *Lean Site Coordinator
AAVF*

a manufacturer within the medical, automotive, electrical and engineering sectors

"The South West MAS' Strategic Management Programme has been crucial in providing an external perspective of our business model and market offering to ensure that we are moving in the right direction."

Julian Wilson, *Director
James Wilson*

a manufacturer of illuminated panels and keyboards for the aviation sector

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