



SC21 Competitiveness and Growth

North West SC21 Competitiveness and Growth Aerospace Cluster of Excellence:

We are pleased to announce that Rolls Royce, Barnoldswick have joined BAE Systems, Safran Nacelles, Boeing UK, ADS and SMMT – Industry Forum on the North West SC21 Competitiveness & Growth ACE Steering Board.

This addition further strengthens the Prime and Tier 1 support for the North West Aerospace Cluster of Excellence, as part of the SC21 C&G programme, recognising and supporting North West supply chain companies in their quest in improving productivity and increasing competitiveness in the regional, national and global aerospace industry.

Following the launch of the programme, five companies have now undertaken the two-day NMCL assessment, and are moving through assessment to receive their final investment business case for improvement.

The Cluster members have not only benefited from the user groups and knowledge sharing thus far in the programme, but we are pleased to announce that as



part of the NW Aerospace Cluster of Excellence we have welcomed mentors from BAE Systems, Safran Nacelles and Rolls Royce. These mentors will add value to the SC21 C&G Programme and the companies participating as part of the cluster.

The aim of the mentor is to support their designated cluster company through the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Level process and in implementing the findings from the investment business case. The mentor will offer support and guidance to the senior team at their company and in some cases, also at operational levels. They will work with the companies to

ensure they are on track with their plan in becoming more competitive within all markets. The provision of Mentors to the programme as an 'in kind' contribution by the regions prime aerospace manufacturing organisations is unique to the ACE programme & further builds on the successful approach of the earlier ASCE & ASCE2 programmes.

The NW Aerospace Cluster of Excellence is; since June 2017 a number of North West supply chain companies have signed up to the Aerospace Growth Partnership - UK Aerospace Supply Chain Competitiveness Charter via the newly created NW Aerospace Cluster of Excellence, lead





by NWAA in conjunction with ADS, BAE Systems, Safran Nacelles, Boeing and Rolls Royce.

The Charter describes how industry challenges the UK Aerospace Supply Chain to engage actively in structured continuous improvement, through programmes such as SC21 Competitiveness + Growth, to become sustainably globally competitive, undertake the NMCL Capability Assessment and develop an Investment Business Plan capable of achieving a recognised national standard of performance.

We welcome all NWAA members who feel their organisation would benefit from becoming a member and undertake the SC21 C&G programme to contact the team to discuss how to become involve.

Finally, we are supporting the new Aerospace Sector deal, which is being led by ADS and the Aerospace Growth Partnership and includes £26 million to support 200 supply chain companies within the SC21 C&G framework.

If you and your company are interested in joining the NW SC21 Competitiveness and Growth Aerospace Cluster of Excellence, please contact Catherine Toon via catherine.toon@aerospace.co.uk or 01772 648800.

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