

**8 May 2009**

**CWID press day  
18 June 2009**

This year's Coalition Warrior Interoperability Demonstration (CWID) UK will take place between 8 and 26 June at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory's (Dstl) Porton Down site. It will be the 15th consecutive year of participation for the UK in CWID, and the eighth that it has been hosted by Dstl.

CWID is a partnership between industry and the Ministry of Defence (MOD). Run as part of a wider US-led coalition, CWID allows new technology solutions to be trialled in a realistic, real-time environment with existing systems, giving MOD a unique opportunity to work closely with representatives from industry.

This year's event aims to build on the success of previous years in meeting a strategic requirement for Network Enabled Capability (NEC). The NEC vision requires timely and relevant information to be available across the spectrum of command and operations. CWID aims to achieve this by analysing and identifying the issues surrounding the delivery of NEC. In particular, CWID UK is focused on examining the gaps that have emerged from current operations in order to signpost requirements for the capabilities MOD will require to meet the 2012 NEC milestone – 'Inter-connection'.

For military command and control, access to the right information at the right time is vital for operational success. CWID assists MOD in identifying current technological solutions to capability gaps, reducing risks through trialling new technology and concepts, and identifies opportunities presented through

innovative solutions. The event is realistic, relevant and coherent with MOD strategy and works in support of current and future operations.

26 trials will be demonstrating at this year's event, with a focus that covers areas such as command and control, situational awareness, intelligence management and tasking and interoperability with Coalition forces. Amongst those giving demonstrations will be EDS, Fujitsu, Thales and QinetiQ.

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For further information, or if you would like to attend the CWID press day on Thursday 18 June, please contact:

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## **Notes to Editors**

### ***CWID***

CWID is the Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Capability)'s annual technology demonstration and field trial to identify and deliver future military capabilities made possible by Networked Enabled Capability (NEC). Funded through the Equipment Programme by Head of Command Control and Information Infrastructure Capability, it supports a unique relationship between the MOD and industry. It provides a realistic national, joint and coalition environment; working with the United States, Canada, New Zealand and NATO partners. The event is used to identify capability gap solutions, de-risk Equipment Programme projects, identify innovative opportunities and to inform future research and development projects and initiatives. The UK participates in three levels of CWID; our own event, the US and the NATO events. NATO provides coalition objectives for CWID and the UK also sets its own objectives to ensure it meets our own national requirements. For more information, please visit [www.cwid.org.uk](http://www.cwid.org.uk)

### ***Dstl***

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is a trading agency of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and exists to supply the very best impartial, scientific and technical research and advice to the MOD and Other Government Departments (OGDs). Our unique position at the heart of the MOD means that our advice is trusted by Government, academia and international partners. With more than 3,500 staff

dedicated to a full range of scientific and technical disciplines, we are geared for rapid problem solving. Multi-disciplinary teams, tailored to specific tasks, can be quickly assembled and have a proven ability to provide innovative solutions under time pressures. For more information please visit [www.dstl.gov.uk](http://www.dstl.gov.uk)

### ***Facilities provided by Dstl's Battle Laboratory***

The current battle laboratory is located in the Mercury Building at Dstl's Portsmouth West site near Portsmouth within the Joint Command and Battlespace Management Applied Research Technology Demonstrator.

The laboratory has the additional capability to represent the Land, Air, Maritime and Logistics Component Commanders. The laboratory also has the potential to represent the Crisis Management Centre and OGDs and to facilitate non-government departments, industry and academia in their research and development initiatives.

Its flexible design means that the laboratory can be adapted to host Command, Control and Information Infrastructure experimentation in support of MOD projects. It is these facilities that allow CWID to create a network that can host a wide range of interoperability trials and demonstrations that are assessed within an exercise scenario. The capability will be replicated and significantly enhanced in its new building at Porton Down.

### ***Network Enabled Capability (NEC)***

For more information see about NEC, please see:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/ScienceandTechnology/NEC/>