



UPDATE: Bronze Award Winner, December 2009

SC21 is an Aerospace & Defence initiative aimed at improving the UK supplier base.

There were 19 founder companies that signed up for this in July 2007 and now there are over 525 signatories. To date only 12 suppliers have received an award.

The aim is to improve business culture, efficiencies, increase innovation and co-operation. To develop processes to support through life solutions, increase the pace of change and ensure there is strong leadership within the supply chain.

To harmonise processes and qualification, to eliminate duplication within the approval processes and ensure that best practice is carried out for all the military primes.

There are 3 ways to implement SC21, Self implement – Key customer led & regional partner. Astute were sponsored by Thales and supported by key customers BAE Systems, Cobham, EADS Astrium, Raytheon & Selex (more key customer engagement than any other supplier to date)

A management team was formed; a determining excellence programme was carried out and reviewed by Astute & the primes. This identified our strengths and weaknesses, which enabled us to form a list of opportunities where we could improve.

A CSIP (Continuous Sustainable Improvement Plan) was defined to prioritise the activities which are undertaken in order to improve effectiveness and performance. This CSIP was agreed and implemented on the 11th March 2009.

The next stage is for Astute to demonstrate the plan is in place and being adhered to, show evidence of development and implementation of opportunities identified on the CSIP.

Update: At the last SC21 2-day Readiness Workshop in October 2009 the CSIP was signed off ready for a Bronze Award on the 8th of December 2009. This award was achieved in December and the official ceremony will take place on 2nd February 2010.

If you would like any additional information on SC21 and our journey, please ask any one of the SC2 management team (Geoff Hill – Mark Shanley – Ian Fantham – Tony Hall – Alistair Stroud & Catherine Read).

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SBAC has merged with APPSS and DMA to form AIDIS