Developing a regional platform for innovation and growth
What is iAero in five points

1. 14 of the largest global aerospace corporations and 800 of their supply-chain companies operate within the South West.

2. iAero is a collaboration between the region’s leading aerospace players to deliver a regional platform for innovation and growth.

3. A regional delivery mechanism for the UK Aerospace Growth Partnership strategy for technology, skills development, supply-chain competitiveness and manufacturing capability.

4. Over 27,000 highly skilled engineers and operatives adding value within the South West.

5. Supported by the UK Government’s High Value Manufacturing Catapult through the National Composites Centre.

The key objectives of iAero

1. Enhance South West businesses’ competitive advantage.

2. Promote growth through collaboration across the supply chain and between regional and national partners.

3. Increase international recognition as a region of significant industrial importance in Europe with the support of South West Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).

4. Create stronger links between industry, local and central government, the Catapult and higher education.

5. Focus on the development of advanced technologies, appropriate skills and supply-chain productivity.

6. Create the iAero environment to support business incubation and innovation development utilising local authority investments in new infrastructure.

7. Promote the concept of High Value Design capability that supports skills and technology development, and provide facilities for collaborative working.

8. Develop international cluster and collaboration opportunities.
iAero is already delivering tangible results

1. The six South West LEPs, through their European Structural and Investment Fund Committees, have collectively requested that the Department for Communities and Local Government signs an MoU with the Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking (CS2JU) on behalf of the South West of England.

2. Such an undertaking will provide companies at all levels within the region, and through iAero, the opportunity to access calls, programmes and funding to support global competitiveness and technology development, in competition with the other 10 regions in Europe that are already signed up to CS2JU and the 15 countries outside the EU that are associates to Horizon 2020.

Working together for a stronger future

1. Creating links with education, ensuring the skills development agenda is properly informed by industrial requirements and technology developments.

2. Supporting local and global industry ambition, working to develop aerospace clusters that deliver raw materials, disruptive technologies and increased value through to qualified flying parts.
For more information

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