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INCOSE UK welcomes publication of Systems Engineering Apprenticeship Standard

INCOSE UK welcomes the announcement today of the publication of the standard for a trailblazer apprenticeship in Systems Engineering, as part of the Defence Growth Partnership (DGP). Good Systems Engineering is critical to delivering effective military capability, on time and to budget. As the global professional body for Systems Engineering, INCOSE has been involved in setting the standard for practice to improve the delivery of major programmes across a range of sectors, including defence, aerospace, infrastructure and transport.

In the announcement today:

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: "The apprentice agenda is not simply a numbers game, it is about quality as much as quantity. Degree apprenticeships bring together the very best of higher and vocational education, and allow apprentices to achieve a full bachelor's or master's degree, whilst training on the job. The initiative sees employers, universities and professional bodies joining forces to develop the highly skilled workers our economy needs."

Skills Minister Nick Boles said: "I congratulate INCOSE UK and members of the Systems Engineering Trailblazer on their involvement in designing the new apprenticeships for a Systems Engineer, which we have published today."

Richard Beasley, President of INCOSE UK welcomed the approval and publication of the Systems Engineering Apprenticeship Standard by saying "This is a significant step for UK Systems Engineering. INCOSE UK has supported the development of the standard, and believes that the apprenticeship will make a significant contribution to advancing professional Systems Engineering in the UK."

Further details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-rolls-out-flagship-degree-apprenticeships>

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Notes to Editors

INCOSE UK

The UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), with over 900 individual and 37 corporate members, exists primarily to serve UK-specific needs and is a key chapter within INCOSE. It has strong links with other UK institutions and it plays a prominent role in both the domestic and the international scenes. It holds one or two conferences each year, has active regional, working and special interest groups and publishes a variety of guides and other products tailored for UK members. Despite its focus on UK-specific needs, the UK Chapter attracts members from territories around the globe.

The 'flavour' of systems engineering most prevalent in the UK has developed into an open and inclusive practice that facilitates the application of systems thinking and systems engineering principles in domains outside of the traditional domains of defence and aerospace. In recent years the membership of INCOSE UK has widened significantly from its roots, expanding to include domains such as transportation - particularly rail - energy, civil engineering, space, medicine, and security. For more information, visit www.incoseonline.org.uk .