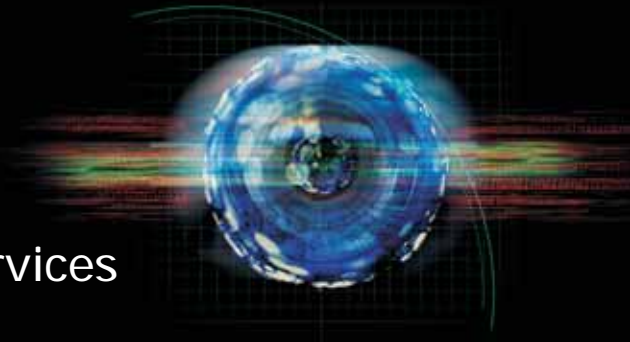


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The Technology Strategy Board (TSB) was established at the end of 2004 to ensure the technology and innovation priorities for the UK reflected business needs and had a clear market focus leading to wealth creation. To support this approach, in November 2005, the TSB introduced the concept of Innovation Platforms.

Innovation Platforms (IPs) are a new way of working for Government and business. IPs are an opportunity to bring business and Government closer together to generate more innovative solutions to major policy and societal challenges.

By bringing together stakeholders focused on a particular challenge, an Innovation Platform will enable the integration of a range of technologies along with better coordination of policy and procurement, to deliver a step-change in UK performance, in the quality of public services and the ability of UK businesses to provide solutions for the global market place.

The TSB has approved the development of Innovation Platforms in two pilot areas – Network Security and Intelligent Transport Systems and Services – and has earmarked an initial £10 million to each Platform to launch its activities.

The Intelligent Transport Systems and Services Innovation Platform

The desire of society to have the convenience and status of personal transport, together with new trends in the distribution of freight, linked to developments in e-commerce, represent a major challenge in terms of congestion, pollution and the need to preserve road safety. The Technology Strategy Board has recognized the challenge, and the opportunities it presents, and has responded with a pilot Innovation Platform focused on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services.

The market for Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) is global. Demonstrating success in one of the most congested parts of the world should provide the ideal stepping-stone for UK companies to this wider market. To fulfil the potential of ITS, and to capitalise on the market opportunity, far greater cooperation and integration of applications is required. As technologies mature, it is becoming more important to address complex problems.

The community of business interest, or Knowledge Transfer Network, is already up and running, with strong business engagement. DTI has committed £6.5m over the next five years to support the innovITS business-led network.

- For more information on the Technology Strategy Board go to <http://www.dti.gov.uk/innovation/technologystrategy/tsb/index.html>
- For more information on Innovation Platforms go to http://www.dti.gov.uk/innovation/technologystrategy/innovation_platforms/index.html
- For more information on the Intelligent Transport Systems and Services Innovation Platform go to http://www.dti.gov.uk/innovation/technologystrategy/innovation_platforms/page33795.html
- For more information on the innovITS network go to <http://www.innovits.com>



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