Aerospace company jets to success

It is vital our customers have confidence in our people and processes. This award serves as an endorsement of our current practices and will act as a springboard of continuous improvement focused on driving and delivering value to our customers.

JOHN CHAMPION
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About CIPS

CIPS, the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply, is the world’s largest organisation dedicated to the profession of procurement and supply, with a voice that is recognised across the globe. CIPS works in partnership with governments, businesses, public sector entities and international development agencies to support organisations to achieve sustainable value.
Why CIPS Corporate Certification?

BAE Systems’ Indirect Procurement Services, part of the company’s Shared Services business, wanted to have its operations assessed for fitness of purpose and to explore opportunities for improvement. The division has now achieved CIPS Corporate Certification Standard, stimulating interest from other procurement departments within BAE Systems, who aspire to attain a similar validation of their policies, processes and procedures.

Globally recognised, CIPS Corporate Certification Standard is the only independent, comprehensive procurement-specific assessment of its kind. Examining your organisation’s procurement and supplier management procedures in targeted detail, it highlights where improvements and efficiencies can be made, ensuring that procurement becomes an essential value driver and organisational influencer.

About BAE Systems

BAE Systems is a multinational defence company, with UK operations alone generating £7.9 billion a year for the national economy, and accounting for 1% of all UK exports. Each year the company invests more than £80m in education and skills-related activities, and a recent report revealed the investment is paying off – the productivity of the company’s UK workers is more than double the national average.

However, a climate of strategic defence spending cuts and rising customers’ expectations has increased the focus on procurement to further improve operational efficiency and provide greater value. That’s one reason why the company’s Indirect Procurement Services (IPS) division chose to work towards CIPS Corporate Certification.

IPS primarily services the company’s UK operations. Their focus is on managing all aspects of indirect goods, services and supply chain – those that do not form part of a finished product. It oversees an annual expenditure in the region of £750m.

Corporate Certification helps organisations to:

- drive improvement and value
- focus on evaluating procurement performance
- provide the rationale and framework for transformational change
- demonstrate improvement and performance to the world by achieving an independent, respected award

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