

# Building our Industrial Strategy

## The challenge

Our economy has great strengths, but while many people, places and businesses are thriving, opportunities and growth are still spread unevenly across the country.

## Our approach

We are developing a modern industrial strategy. We want to build on our strengths to enable all parts of the country to succeed: helping to deliver a high-skilled, competitive economy that benefits people throughout the UK.

## Your views

We want to hear from every part of the country, every sector of industry and businesses of every size.

This is a public consultation, and we welcome your comments and contributions to inform our industrial strategy and help deliver an economy that works for everyone.

Have your say: [www.gov.uk/beis](http://www.gov.uk/beis)

## Our 10 pillars



### Investing in science, research & innovation

We will become a more innovative economy and do more to commercialise our world leading science base, developing new technologies and driving growth throughout the UK.



### Developing skills

We will build a proper system of technical education, and boost key skills in science, technology, engineering, maths and digital proficiency, to ensure people have the skills employers need now and in the future.



### Upgrading infrastructure

We will upgrade our digital, energy, transport, water and flood defence infrastructure, and join up central government investment and local growth priorities more effectively.



### Supporting businesses to start & grow

We will support businesses and entrepreneurs across the UK, to ensure they can access finance and wider support to grow, and have the right conditions for companies to invest long-term.



### Improving procurement

We will ensure public procurement drives innovative new products and services, strengthens skills, develops UK supply chains and increases competition by creating more opportunities for SMEs.



### Encouraging trade & inward investment

We will make Britain a global leader in free trade, including promoting and supporting UK exports, building future trading relations and creating a more active approach to winning major overseas contracts.



### Delivering affordable energy & clean growth

We will keep energy costs down for businesses, build the energy infrastructure we need for new technologies, and secure the economic benefits of our move towards a low-carbon economy.



### Cultivating world-leading sectors

We will build on our areas of global excellence and help new sectors to flourish, supporting businesses to take the lead in transforming and upgrading their industries through sector deals.



### Driving growth across the whole country

We will build on local strengths and address factors that prevent areas from reaching their full potential, by investing in key infrastructure projects, increasing skill levels and backing local expertise.



### Creating the right local institutions

We will create strong structures and institutions to support people, industries and places to maximise local strengths, including reviewing the location of government bodies and cultural institutions.