

Glossary of terms

ACAS
Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service

AGES
Attracting Global Entrepreneurs

AMP
Advanced Manufacturing Park

BAT
Best Available Techniques

BBA
British Bankers' Association

BBSRC
Biotechnology and Biological
Sciences Research Council

BERD
Business Enterprise Research
and Development

BL
Business Link

BLW
Business Link Wessex

BRTF
Better Regulation Task Force

BSG
Broadband Stakeholder Group

BSI
British Standards Institution

BVCA
British Venture Capital Association

CAA
Civil Aviation Authority

Capex
Capital Expenditure

CBI
Confederation of British Industry

CF
Constant Frequency

CIS
Community Innovation Survey

CMI
Cambridge/MIT Institute

CO₂
Carbon Dioxide

COD
Chemical Oxygen demand

CoVEs
Centres of Vocational Excellence

CPD
Continuous Professional Development

CSEL
Centre for Scientific Enterprise Limited

CSL
Centre for the study of Language and
Information

DA
Devolved Administrations

DARP
Defence and Aerospace Research Partnership

DCMS
Department of Culture Media and Sports

DDA
Defence Diversification Agency

DEFRA
Department For Environment, Food and Rural
Affairs

DfES
Department for Education and Skills

DfT
Department for Transport

DGRC
The Director General of the Research Councils

DoH
Department of Health

DTC
Defence Technology Centre

DTI
Department of Trade and Industry

DWP
Department for Works and Pension

EA
Environment Agency

ECF
Enterprise Capital Funds

EEF
Engineering Employers Federation

EMDA
East Midlands Development Agency

EPSRC
Engineering and Physical Sciences
Research Council

ERA
European Research Area

ERDF
European Regional Development Fund

EU
European Union

FCO
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

FDA
Factors' and Discounters' Association

FDI
Foreign Direct Investment

FE
Further Education

GDP
Gross Domestic Product

GEM
Global Entrepreneurship Monitor

HCRC
Human Communication Research Centre

HEBI
Higher Education Business Interaction

HEIF
Higher Education Innovation Fund

HEIs
Higher Education Institutions

HMT
Her Majesty's Treasury

HSE
Health and Safety Executive

IC CAVE
International Centre of Computer Games and Virtual Entertainment

I&C
Information and communication

ICASS
Innovators and Counselling and Advisory Service Scotland

ICT
Information and Communications Technologies

IDE
Industrial Design and Engineering

IGT
Innovation and Growth Team

IP
Intellectual Property

IPAC
Intellectual Property Advisory Committee

IPPC
Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control

IPR
Intellectual Property Rights

ISW
Inspire South West

JIF
Joint Infrastructure Fund

LEC
Local Enterprise Companies

LED
Light Emitting Diode

LGC
The former Laboratory of the Government Chemist

LSC
Learning and Skills Council

MAS
Manufacturing Advisory Service

MBA
Masters of Business Administration

MDF
Medium Density Fibreboard

MNT
Microsystems and Nanotechnology Network

MoD
Ministry of Defence

MPC
Monetary Policy Committee

MRC
Medical Research Council

MS™
Microsoft

MSSL
Mullard Space Science Laboratory

NBAN
National Business Angel Network

NEL
National Engineering Laboratory

NGOs
Non-governmental organisations

NHS
National Health Service

NIAC
National Intellectual Asset Centre

NIST
National Institute of Standards and Technology

NMIs
National Measurements Institutes

NMS
National Measurement System

NPL
National Physical Laboratory

NSSF
National Standardisation Strategic Framework

NVQ
National Vocational Qualification

NWDA
North West Development Agency

NWML
National Weights & Measures Laboratory

NWSC
North West Science Council

ODPM
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

OECD
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OFT
Office of Fair Trading

OGC
Office of Government Commerce

ONS
Office for National Statistics

OST
Office of Science and Technology

PACER
Proposal Assistance for Coordination of European Research

PhD
Doctor of Philosophy

PSA
Public Service Agreement

PSRE
Public Sector Research Establishment

R&D
Research and Development

RCA
Royal College of Art

RCME
Regional Centres for Manufacturing Excellence

RCUK
Research Council UK

RDAs
Regional Development Agencies

RIF
Regional Innovation Fund

RSA
Regional Selective Assistance

RTOs
Research and Technology Organisations

S&T
Science and Technology

SBIC
Small Business Investment Company

SBRI
Small Business Research Initiative

SBS
Small Business Service

SE
Scottish Enterprise

SEIC
Systems Engineering Innovation Centre

SET
Science, Engineering and Technology

SET Base
Science Engineering and Technology Base

SIC
Science and Industry

SIE
Scottish Institute for Enterprise

SME
Small and Medium Enterprise

SMF
Standard Mammogram Form

SPAF
Scottish Proposals Assistance Fund

SRIF
Science Research Investment Fund

SSDA
Sector Skills Development Agency

STEM
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

TCS
Teaching Company Scheme

TGWU
Transport & General Workers Union

TME
Total Maintenance Engineering

TTOs
Technology Transfer Offices

TUC
Trades Union Congress

UCL
University College London

Ufi
University for Industry

UKTI
UK Trade and Investment

UN
United Nations

US
United States

UK
United Kingdom

USA
United States of America

UTC
University Technology Centre

VAT
Value Added Tax

VF
Variable Frequency

VMS
Variable Message Signs
