

BAE Systems Data and Digital

Service Definition Document

1 Agile Delivery Management and Product Management Lifecycle

BAE Systems leverages digital and data expertise alongside Agile, SAFe, and SCRUM techniques in our Digital Studio and Digital Factory models. These ensure comprehensive Product Management governance across the GDS lifecycle, from Discovery to Live, with benefits tracking. We work in both dedicated and collaborative rainbow teams.

We have designed and built our agile delivery framework explicitly to iteratively deliver through a GDS aligned Product Management Lifecycle on critical national systems. Our services integrate best practices (e.g. Agile, SAFe, ITIL) with insights from delivering critical national infrastructure projects across government. Our holistic, end to end lifecycle approach accelerates start-up with common defined ways of working and is explicitly designed to facilitate rainbow teams for close integration with other suppliers, Authority governance and lifecycle management processes.

Our framework is aligned with the DDaT User and Product-Centric approach and ways of working and is based on scalable, autonomous delivery cells of empowered self-managing, highly-collaborative, skilled delivery teams using a BizDevSecOps approach. Governance can be scaled into a Digital Studio and Digital Factory, depending on project requirements.

The Digital Studio manages a product through the Product Lifecycle with roles of Product Manager, Lead Technology Delivery Manager and Lead Architect who collaborate with the Digital Governing Body to focus on achieving business value with goals that directly trace to end-user needs and benefits. We can work either autonomously or as a rainbow team with other suppliers as required to plan delivery of a product through Discovery, Alpha, Private Beta, Public Beta, Live and End of Life. In each lifecycle phase, we manage a prioritised product backlog, delivering iteratively through Epics, Stories, and Tasks tracked in Jira. This supports delivery in rolling work packages via our Digital Factory. We monitor progress and feedback on value co-creation with close integration with the business, to decide on progressing the product to next lifecycle phase.

One or more Digital Factory(s) can be provided stand alone to integrate with your existing operating model for additional capacity or be managed by our own Digital Studio for agile delivery of a product in its entirety by a teams of skilled engineers. We scale up the size of these engineering teams as needed to iteratively deliver features from the prioritised product backlog using a BizDevSecOps methodology, working in two-week sprints to progress a product through the lifecycle. Our teams deliver frequent automated and tested Agile releases, ensuring continuous compliance through a CI/CD pipeline. Operating within a DevOps culture, our engineering teams support the product throughout its lifecycle, scaling the Ops team during Public Beta and up to 24/7/365 for Live. We provide Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) to enhance availability, reliability (MTBF), and maintainability (MTTR) for critical national services.

2 Agile DevOps Delivery

BAE Systems' Agile DevOps teams swiftly develop and deploy Digital Products by leveraging diverse cloud technologies. Our BizDevSecOps approach ensures close collaboration and effective rainbow team integration, optimising performance and availability.. Whether for individual projects or large-scale transformations, our method co-creates value with customers across technical domains.

We will work to understand, scope and deliver rolling packages of work in a scaled agile manner using our digital delivery framework that we have designed and built explicitly to deliver on critical national systems using a combination of best practice and extensive lessons learnt from delivering critical national infrastructure projects across government. Our holistic, end to end approach accelerates start-up with common defined ways of working and is explicitly designed to facilitate rainbow teams for close integration with other suppliers, Authority governance and processes.

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Our Digital Studio roles of Product Manager, Lead Technology Delivery Manager and Lead Architect will understand and define scope by collaborating with Digital Governing Body to set goals, directly tracing the IT Goals back to the end-user needs and benefits. We can work either autonomously or as a rainbow team with other suppliers as required to capture clear, prioritised IT goals and deliverables with benefits measurable in business terms. The output is a prioritised product backlog, with delivery organised into e.g. Epics, Stories and Tasks in Jira for progress tracking against goals that supports delivery in rolling packages of work through our Digital Factory.

One or more Digital Factory(s) can be provided stand alone to integrate with your existing operating model for additional capacity or be managed by our own Digital Studio to deliver components and features of a product. We scale up the size of engineering teams as needed to iteratively deliver features from the prioritised product backlog using a BizDevSecOps methodology, working in two-week sprints. Our teams deliver frequent automated and tested Agile releases, ensuring continuous compliance through a CI/CD pipeline. Working in a DevOps culture our engineering teams continue to provide support once deployed into production environments, and from Public Beta to Live we deliver Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) to proactively increase availability, reliability (MTBF) and maintainability (MTTR) appropriate for critical national services.

3 AI/Machine Learning

The BAE Systems GDS-compliant AI delivery service provides a value-driven approach to mission-critical challenges. We provide a comprehensive lifecycle, encompassing AI assessment (Inc. governance & ethics), discovery, concept development (Alpha/Beta), and full deployment with ongoing maintenance. Our experts handle data, models, testing, and analysis for seamless AI integration.

BAE Systems combines our heritage in digital and data with our AI research and development expertise to deliver an AI solution delivery service. Our service is tailored for mission-critical challenges and aligns with Government Digital Service (GDS) standards. This service uniquely caters to organizations seeking to integrate artificial intelligence responsibly and effectively, ensuring governance, ethics, transparency, compliance and justifiable trust are at the forefront of its methodology.

The lifecycle begins with an enterprise assessment of AI capabilities. This initial phase evaluates the organization's current technological framework and readiness for AI integration, assessing areas such as data governance, ethical AI use, transparency in AI operations, and adherence to regulatory and compliance standards. This foundational assessment ensures that AI solutions are built on a solid, compliant base that considers all facets of responsible AI deployment.

Following the assessment, the service progresses into the Alpha phase, where concept development takes place. In this stage, innovative ideas are brainstormed and initial prototypes are crafted, focusing on how AI can address specific organizational challenges. This is followed by the Beta development phase, where these concepts are further refined and developed into functional models, ready for more rigorous testing and iterations.

As the solution matures, it moves into the live phase, where the AI system is fully deployed within the organization. This stage involves continuous monitoring and maintenance to ensure the system performs optimally under real-world conditions. The Operations phase supports ongoing needs, including regular updates and troubleshooting, to adapt to evolving requirements and technologies.

Integral to this service are key processes such as Data Discovery and Data Wrangling, which ensure that the data used is relevant, clean, and well-organized. Model identification or development is also crucial, selecting or building AI models that best meet the specific needs of the client. Model deployment and continuous maintenance are part of the lifecycle, ensuring the AI solutions remain robust and effective. Testing and Analysis throughout the process guarantee that the AI solutions not only meet the initial requirements but also continue to provide value and adapt to new challenges over time.

Overall, this AI solution delivery service offers a thorough, structured approach to integrating AI into mission-critical operations, with a strong emphasis on ethics and compliance, ensuring sustainable, effective, and responsible AI usage.

4 Business Analysis and Requirements Management

BAE Systems provides Business Analysis and Requirements Management services for capture, validation, management and traceability of cloud-based requirements. We iteratively refine functional and non-functional requirements (NFRs) to ensure cloud benefits, including improved user experience (UX), customer journeys, availability, and security.

At BAE Systems, Our Business Analysis adapts to agile cloud development by focusing on user evaluation through User Stories, Journeys, and Scenarios.. This is particularly relevant in cloud as solution acceptance is generally based on user evaluation of the product against their user needs rather than compliance against a set of requirements. Where development is waterfall, we enable compliance at the testing stage of a solution delivery, as part of business acceptance testing. Alternatively, we can support assessment of a variety of solution options against requirements including existing corporate tools, or commercial off-the-shelf packages as solution options. In all cases, a gap analysis helps inform the business of the requirements not fulfilled by the solution(s).

Our requirements management approach for cloud environments typically stores and organises requirements in a backlog to support ongoing agile prioritisation and delivery of associated features, including their configuration management and change control. Cloud development's iterative approach prepares for evolving requirements driven by dynamic business and consumer needs. We therefore plan to manage and accommodate change in line with business need. This is a fundamental principle incorporated in cloud based Agile development methodology, whilst in Waterfall a more rigorous process for requirements change control is needed where changes to scope are managed by assessing the impact on the requirements baseline and delivery process, and ensuring approval by the business before ensuring the change is delivered. Effective configuration control ensures version management and accurate delivery of requirement updates. Requirements tooling such as Jira and Jama provide a range of features to support effective requirements management.

We understand that for successful delivery of value to the business, it is the traceability of requirements that is essential to track the value, lifecycle and provenance of requirements. We enable the prioritisation of feature development for delivery of traceable end business value. Vertical traceability links related requirements through analysis artefacts, up and down the requirements hierarchy in order to demonstrate consistency and alignment right back to higher-level business goals and end consumer needs, whilst horizontal traceability tracks requirements from their origin, how they have evolved and how they are implemented in the design and achieved as an outcome in the solution. Together these techniques enable effective requirements management for cloud based development of digital products including compliance assessment and change control.

5 Business Case and Benefits Management

BAE Systems specialise in providing structured support for strategic, outline, and full Green Book compliant, compelling business cases.

Our approach includes the development of cost, risk, and benefit models for comprehensive economic appraisal, facilitating informed decision-making and ensuring Green Book compliance.

We offer tailored support in navigating spending approvals, managing stakeholders, and establishing Managing Successful Programmes compliant benefits management frameworks. Our focus extends beyond business case development to ensuring benefits are tracked throughout the lifecycle of each initiative.

We define meaningful and measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that support the business case, enabling organisations to monitor progress and measure the impact of transformational initiatives effectively.

Our expertise in Green Book compliance, stakeholder management, and benefits tracking enables organisations to navigate complex challenges with confidence, driving successful outcomes and maximising value from their investments.

6 Cloud Transition Services

BAE Systems support the migration of applications and data to the cloud. This encompasses application assessment, cloud migration and automation strategies, data management, testing, implementation, ITIL transition, and post-migration support. We balance the trade-offs between privacy, risk, security, change, agility and cost, ensuring service continuity and benefits realisation.

BAE Systems cloud transition service efficiently migrates legacy applications to the cloud, ensuring a seamless process tailored to your organisational goals. We specialise in a holistic approach, handling everything from application assessment and cloud migration strategy to implementation and ongoing support. By managing this transition, we ensure that your move to the cloud balances critical factors such as privacy, risk, security, agility, and cost, while maintaining continuous service delivery.

The process begins with a thorough assessment of your existing applications to determine cloud compatibility and dependencies. We employ TIME (Tolerate, Invest, Migrate, Eliminate) analysis to group and evaluate applications, ensuring that each one is optimally aligned with your migration goals. Risk assessments are integral to our strategy, identifying potential application risks and devising robust mitigation strategies to ensure a secure transition.

Our service includes detailed architecture visioning, planning, and design, with a focus on security and the establishment of a clear business case for the cloud transition. We offer various migration strategies, such as re-hosting, re-factoring, and re-platforming, based on your specific needs. This is supported by comprehensive business continuity planning for both cloud and hybrid environments, ensuring that your operations remain stable and secure throughout the migration process.

Post-migration, we continue to support your transition through testing, validation, and implementation services, backed by a team of SC and DV cleared solution and technical architects. This end-to-end support not only increases your business agility but also enhances your IT infrastructure's simplicity, allowing you to focus more on development and less on operations.

Our cloud transition service helps deliver the benefits of cloud, implementing infrastructure which is secure, scalable and aligned to your future goals and priorities.

7 Data Acquisition Services

BAE Systems offers a comprehensive portfolio for intelligence gathering, information analysis and insight generation. This includes precise communications interception. We offer robust data analysis through our high quality processing and data analysis and analytics tools to help optimise decision making and improve operational efficiency.

Effective decisions require reliable intelligence. BAE Systems comprehensive data acquisition service is engineered to equip customers with the tools necessary for high-stakes intelligence gathering, thorough information analysis, and insight generation. Featuring advanced communications interception capabilities, our service provides a robust foundation for national security and law enforcement initiatives.

Our service stands at the forefront of ethical business practices in intelligence, ensuring all operations adhere strictly to local legal and regulatory frameworks. This commitment not only safeguards the rights of citizens but also enhances trust and cooperation, allowing controlled access to critical communications data.

By integrating seamlessly with existing infrastructure, our solutions enhance operational efficiency without disrupting ongoing processes. Targeted interception with machine learning consolidates data into actionable intelligence. This capability is pivotal in enabling faster, more accurate responses to national security threats and criminal activities which reduces the economic and social costs associated with crime.

Our team of SC and DV-cleared data scientists and analysts are adept at transforming raw data into quality insights that drive decision-making. With robust data cleansing processes, we ensure the accuracy and reliability of the intelligence provided, empowering your organisation to make informed decisions swiftly, maintain public safety, and uphold national security.

8 Data Compliance Services

BAE Systems help you safeguard public trust and uphold privacy commitments. We assess your ability to meet the security and privacy requirements of UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act. We design solutions and measures to enhance compliance, achieve accreditation, and address emerging privacy trends. Our data compliance service provides support for organisations needing to navigate the complexities of compliance with the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act. We not only assess your current capabilities but also design and implement robust solutions that strengthen your privacy frameworks and ensure you are prepared for future trends in data protection.

Our approach begins with a thorough analysis of your existing data management policies and processes, identifying areas where enhancements are necessary. By integrating 'data protection by design and by default' methodologies, we establish robust organisational measures that meet or exceed regulatory requirements and are designed with flexibility for the future in mind. This approach secures accreditation and mitigates data breaches, lowering your risk exposure.

Our service extends beyond internal practices to consider your supply chain, reviewing every level of your operations. This comprehensive coverage is critical in maintaining a resilient data protection strategy that upholds the highest standards of privacy and security.

Training and continuous support form a core part of our offerings, equipping your staff with the necessary knowledge and tools to uphold and advocate for data privacy. This not only enhances your reputation but also builds lasting trust with stakeholders and users by demonstrating a commitment to ethical data practices.

Our data compliance service helps structure your organisation in a way where data security and privacy requirements are at the heart of decision making, allowing you to focus on growth and innovation while safeguarding the trust of citizens.

9 Architecture as a Service

BAE Systems "Architecture as a Service" is a one-stop shop for organisations seeking to enhance their data architecture capabilities. With scalable services, we ensure flexibility and agility, leading to successful project delivery and measurable results.

At the core of our service are strategic guidance, governance, and assurance. Our Data Architects collaborate within a broader community of architectural domains, including Business, Enterprise, Solutions, and Security. This holistic approach ensures that data-driven transformations and underlying technologies optimise processes organisation-wide, extending beyond data alone.

Our experienced SV and DV architects provide expert advice for cloud and digital data systems, ensuring seamless migration and future-proofing investments. Equipped with methodologies, tools, and accelerators, our skilled professionals deploy swiftly, readily adapting to your requirements to ensure architecture delivers tangible value from the outset.

Our specialty lies in creating architecture strategies, roadmaps, and models that integrate legacy systems with new technologies, aligned with your risk appetite, investment profile, and priority outcomes.

TOGAF certified architects produce specific artefacts to optimise efficiency and align standards, while governance implementation ensures compliance, risk mitigation, and operational excellence, safeguarding project outcomes for long-term success. Central to our approach is empowering your teams with expert knowledge, enabling them to maintain industry best practices and standards long after the project concludes.

10 Data Quality, Analytics and Insights

BAE Systems develops analytics-driven data products and services for customer discovery and innovation, combining our deep government experience with advanced data quality tools to deliver actionable insights.

We utilise open-source and leading commercial tools to enhance quality and provide rapid insights, uncovering hidden value in data. Our focus is on delivering impactful data products/services based on trusted, high-quality data to drive organisational advancement.

Our secure, user-centred solutions transform complex and messy data into clear, intuitive visualisations, guiding informed decision-making at all levels. We take a foundation-first approach. We leverage advanced tools and methodologies to clean, standardise, and enrich your data, creating a foundation for reliable analysis and informed decisions.

Our SC/DV-cleared professionals, comprising data analysts, scientists, and security experts, apply proven methods and advanced tools like predictive modelling and data mining.. This allows us to uncover hidden patterns and trends within your data, translating them into actionable recommendations that address your organisations specific challenges and goal

We believe transparency is key. Complex findings are transformed into clear, user-friendly visualisations – accessible dashboards and reports designed to enhance situational awareness and facilitate clear communication across teams

Our commitment extends beyond delivering insights. We foster a data-driven culture within your agency by collaborating with your team and sharing knowledge. This ensures long-term sustainability and maximises the value of your data investment.

11 Data Science Services

BAE Systems offers agile and customised solutions through its "Data Science as a Service," leveraging advanced analytics and machine learning capabilities to tackle complex challenges faced by government departments. Our team of SC and DV cleared experts specialises in Explainable Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human-Machine Teaming, ensuring transparency and collaboration between AI systems and human operators.

Our expertise extends to critical systems, ensuring a deep understanding of capability in mission-critical environments. We provide secure environments for research activities, enabling our clients to explore and experiment with data in a safe and protected manner.

We specialise in data synthesis and simulation for intelligence applications, enabling government agencies to model and simulate various scenarios for strategic planning and risk assessment. Our services also include data anonymisation and context analysis, ensuring privacy and compliance with regulatory requirements.

With capabilities in object detection, target identification, and image and CCTV processing, we enable government agencies to enhance security and surveillance operations. We provide platform and system health monitoring, diagnosis, and prognostics, ensuring the reliability and performance of critical system.

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By automating your delivery pipelines from build and test to deployment, our service ensures frequent, rapid, and reliable code changes, aligning tightly with business demands. Utilising the most appropriate tools for infrastructure management, such as Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) with Terraform, Ansible, Puppet, and ARM templates, our platform supports seamless and consistent environment creation. This automation extends to the full spectrum of cloud services including IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, and FaaS across leading platforms such as AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud, employing tools like CloudFormation and Azure DevOps for streamlined operations.

Containerisation with Docker, orchestration with Kubernetes (including EKS and AKS), and Openshift are integral parts of our service, enabling scalable and efficient application deployment. Additional technologies like Helm for package management and Istio for service mesh architecture enhance our containerisation and orchestration capabilities. Our AI-powered operations enhance real-time monitoring, logging, and alerting with tools like Prometheus for monitoring and Elasticsearch for logging, ensuring that your applications are always performing optimally and securely.

With SC and DV cleared professionals in platform engineering we provide a secure foundation for private, public, and hybrid cloud hosting. Our approach not only significantly reduces deployment errors and vulnerabilities but also increases deployment frequency, leading to quicker releases and continuous improvement through technologies like Git for version control and Jenkins for automation.

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15 Discovery and rapid problem exploration

BAE Systems enables Discovery and Rapid Problem Exploration through using our GDS aligned agile and iterative methodology. Our DevOps platform engineering service enhances delivery speed and quality, enabling development teams to effectively meet user needs and maximise business value.

Our 'Futures' Innovation team of experts explore new ideas within a proven Innovation framework. This involves ongoing market scanning to identify new digitalisation opportunities enabled by emerging technologies. To focus on real problems, our approach includes creative workshops with the Buyer's users – bringing together the Buyer's knowledge of the issue and our problem-solving experience. It follows the approach in GDS Discovery - prioritising value versus feasibility in order to produce a roadmap for digitalisation that delivers value early.

Options Analysis is a key part, and encompasses the Buyer's problem as a requirement; alongside: NFRs; legacy technology integration considerations; licencing; TCO; vendor roadmap, solution interoperability, strategic fit.

We share the potential of new technologies via workshops for active participants and 'lunch and learn' sessions for broader stakeholders.

To industrialise this, we built our own innovation accelerator, supported by enterprise-scale engineering excellence. The Innovation team foster the latest tools, technologies and techniques to design and deliver innovative solutions, services and prototypes for the National Security and Government Domain.

Our structured Solutions Workshop process helps identify opportunities for innovation, and generates the solutions to meet agreed objectives and outcomes. This structured process transforms customer challenges into Prototypes, Designs, and Development Plans, delivering targeted solutions to complex issues. It takes place over a week of intense problem solving to create compelling solution concepts in 5 days.

We invite customers to be part of key sessions during the week, driving decisions and ensuring the solution concepts are jointly owned. Our team supports capabilities including Solution Workshops, Rapid Prototyping, Bootcamps, and SME Engagement.

16 Hyperautomation

BAE Systems combines AI, ML, RPA and other automation technologies in to a hyper-automation framework to optimize complex business processes in a way that is more comprehensive than traditional automation. By automating decision-making and repetitive workflows we increase productivity and operational efficiency, while providing deep insights to drive business decisions.

Our hyper-automation services integrate advanced technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Robotic Process Automation (RPA), and other cutting-edge automation tools into a robust hyper-automation framework. This service is specifically designed to transform and optimize complex business processes far beyond the capabilities of traditional automation methods.

At the core of our service, AI and ML algorithms work to automate decision-making processes, enhancing accuracy and speed while reducing the need for human intervention. These technologies enable the system to learn from historical data, predict future outcomes, and make intelligent decisions that boost productivity and operational efficiency.

RPA brings a unique strength to our framework by automating repetitive and time-consuming tasks. By deploying bots that mimic human actions in executing routine tasks across various applications, RPA frees up valuable human resources, allowing them to focus on more strategic activities. This not only accelerates workflow processes but also significantly reduces errors and inconsistencies.

We provide comprehensive support through every phase of the hyper-automation lifecycle, from initial discovery and planning to implementation and ongoing support. Our approach is tailored to align with GDS and Government standards, ensuring compliance and security in all operations. We engage with stakeholders to understand specific needs and challenges, ensuring our solution delivers maximum business value.

By adopting our hyper-automation services, customers can achieve higher levels of efficiency and innovation, leading to greater customer satisfaction and business outcomes. Our end-to-end support model ensures that our clients can confidently navigate their hyper-automation journeys.

17 ITOM

BAE Systems has a Target Operating Model advisory service (A-TOM) that rapidly delivers a more efficient and effective operating model, focusing on how ICT functions deliver tangible business value and meet evolving business needs. We accelerate the timeframe for definition of an ITOM through design patterns and reference models.

BAE Systems Digital Intelligence has a long and established track record of designing and implementing Target Operating Models (TOMs) with a range of partner and customer organisations. We have significant experience of doing this across a range of customer sectors. An Operating Model can be illustrated from many different perspectives; the scope and context of the area being reviewed are key to determining the most appropriate and relevant approaches. A deep insight into the customer landscape is required to fully understand the drivers for change, current structures, processes and stakeholders operating in this space.

We develop the high level 'overarching' model and then more detailed models in specific areas to reflect the priorities in the model being developed. We then collaborate to develop a number of potential options for review in order to ascertain whether one of them, or elements of different models, works best as the final ITOM. This is an iterative approach, with each stage conducted in alignment and collaboration with key customer stakeholders.

At BAE Systems Digital Intelligence, years of experience across multiple customers and sectors has taught us that designing a new business, function or service in isolation rarely leads to it being successfully embedded. Instead, up front design should take place in parallel with work to ensure it can be implemented within the Authority organisation. Securing buy-in for an ITOM requires defining sufficient detail at the advisory stage to create a valuable design, followed by engaging teams to own and implement business changes through the associated transformation programme. We have therefore developed the approach of Digital Agility, which brings together our key management consulting disciplines as a coherent set of activities required to take an 'end to end' approach to development of an ITOM and organisational transformation. This set of capabilities provides the analytical, design, engagement and business change interventions required to successfully create and launch a new service, function, product, or even entire new organisational structure.

We bring this broader perspective during the ITOM design phase in order to maximize the value and success of the selected model through being implemented and run.

18 Managed Innovation

BAE Systems help our customers understand, assess and leverage new, digital, data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies and methods quickly, leading to well-formed Discovery and Alpha phases. This is achieved through a user-centric, value-driven, hypothesis-led culture that embraces failure as an opportunity to learn and iterate.

We deliver innovation through a flexible, GDS-aligned, agile, and iterative methodology. The ethos is one of collaboratively operationalising change by taking concepts through to tangible outcomes. We implement Project Gate Reviews at each stage to ensure governance, incorporate lessons learned, provide feedback, enable evidence-based decisions, and drive continuous improvement. Mobilisation – setting up the Ideation and Governance processes as well as identifying and engaging stakeholders. We build relationships with Workstream Leads, the Client's Leadership and Key Stakeholders. The Team defines Statement of Works (SoWs) for commissions and are involved in Commission deliveries

Ideation – learning about and refining the actual problem, using a repeatable process. Our Core Team and Innovation Lead identify opportunities, collaborate with Workstream Leads and Client Leadership in evaluations, prioritise the opportunity backlog, and refine the Innovation Roadmap. **Discovery** – exploring and scoping the problem and potential solution. We provide seamless support into existing Discoveries and undertake specific activities.

Proof of Concept (PoC) – building a narrow, working, end-to-end capability. By defining outcome based SoWs, with clear alignment to strategic goals, we enable traceability throughout delivery and our Core Team ensures that strategic objectives are achieved. We then deploy a multi-skilled team or lead the delivery of an external supplier.

Pilot – building a simple service solving the whole problem. (As with the PoC), our Core Team will define outcome based SoWs and build and manage a multi-skilled team.

Transition to Operations (TTO) – success is measured when the benefits proven in Pilots are able to be implemented across the enterprise. To support initiation of TTO, we gain commitment from stakeholders, provide materials and knowledge to support and drive the implementation of the benefits realisation strategy. Our Innovation Lead is responsible for delivery and integrates with the Client's leadership team to maintain an understanding of the strategic agenda and opportunities. The Team capture and add opportunities to the Innovation Backlog and maintain an Innovation Roadmap.

Innovation from Other Organisations, Sectors and Academia: We use thought leadership, white papers, advisory input and our innovative offerings to support the delivery of Innovation.

Research, Horizon Scanning and Innovation: our 'Futures' Team conducts horizon-scanning with clients and approaches challenges in new ways. Our AI Labs takes research into prototyping with a focus on cutting edge algorithms, sensors and science, partnering with academia for research. We also provide access to our broader Innovation Ecosystem, a central point of engagement across our partner, technology and academia landscape.

19 Operating Model Design and Change Management

BAE Systems has a longstanding heritage and experience of designing Government Operating Models for both hybrid, two-speed IT or dedicated cloud delivery with the necessary business change management to realise the value. Cloud enables new ways of working and benefits realisation requires transformational change at all levels of the organisation.

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We understand that a Cloud based operating environment is designed to adapt and iterate, and often has to operate alongside legacy IT. As such, we don't believe there is such thing as a 'steady state' cloud operating model or a one size fits all design.

Instead, our customers need a model that flexible by default to changing business needs. Our iterative approach to Operating Model Design and Change Management will ensure we deliver value, quickly. We design and embed a kit bag of well proven digital practices as up front accelerators to achieving value from investment in cloud platforms. This includes fostering an iterative DevSecOps culture with Site Reliability Engineering (SRE) practices that provide our customers with unique advantages when implemented successfully within Cloud based Digital Operating Models. The Digital TOM provides a blueprint that focuses on how people, processes data, and cloud based technology can be organised and leveraged to quickly and iteratively deliver value, through both hybrid, two-speed legacy IT and dedicated digital operations according to customer needs.

We focus on orchestrating and implementing digital transformation initiatives by assessing required changes, creating management plans, crafting compelling 'case for change' messaging for senior leaders, and embedding strategies to overcome resistance and adopt your Cloud Operating Model. At BAE Systems Digital Intelligence, years of experience across multiple customers and sectors has taught us that designing a new business, function or service in isolation rarely leads to it being successfully embedded. Instead, up front design should take place in parallel with work to ensure it can be implemented within the Authority organisation. The key to creating buy-in to a successful ITOM is to define 'just enough' detail at the ITOM advisory stage to establish a valuable design for the new function, and then allowing the teams on the ground to own the change by defining and implementing the detail through the associated transformation programme.

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20 Rapid Prototyping

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Private Beta: our teams support live product testing with a subset of users, where products, CI/CD pipelines, test automation and the service model are improved, balancing delivery with technical, service and security debt.

Public Beta: our teams continually improve the products, support the service for anyone that needs it, improve pipeline automation, and ramp-up the service model.

Live: our teams look to the longer term for maintaining high quality products and service, measuring performance and support continued user engagement.

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21 Service Design and Management

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22 Strategic Technical Advisory

BAE Systems' 'Strategic Technology Advisory' services equip organisations to make well-informed technology decisions that align with their objectives, delivering tangible value. Our modular approach allows us to tailor services to each organisation's specific needs, fostering innovation and advancement.

Central to our methodology is a transparent investment framework, guiding organisations in making practical decisions on investment allocation, risk management, and planning cycles aligned with strategic goals.

Our team of strategists, technologists, and business experts effectively bridge the gap between technical requirements and business objectives. Senior leaders benefit from our insights, enabling them to navigate complexities confidently, ensuring alignment and support throughout the organisation.

Our services result in the development of robust technology strategies, roadmaps, and transformation portfolios, aligning technology initiatives with organisational objectives. Leveraging our experience, clients gain access to best practices, proven methodologies, and accelerators.

We prioritise risk mitigation, proactively identifying and addressing technology risks to enhance resilience, agility, and collaboration. This proactive approach ensures organisational resilience and facilitates smooth technology adoption. We support enterprise-wide change management, driving sustainable change and maximising the impact of technology initiatives.

We facilitate innovative technology adoption, empowering organisations to maintain a competitive edge and establish leadership in their industries. With our comprehensive support, organisations confidently navigate complexities, driving success in an evolving digital landscape.

23 User Experience and Service Design

BAE Systems work with user groups, identifying their pain points and future needs, to deliver seamless digital, user experiences. We employ a Human Centred Design methodology to understand the user journey and run ethnographic studies, to capture requirements and design intuitive product features, for continuous usability testing and feedback.

We integrate the six key principles of User Centred Design (UCD), as defined in ISO9241-60, into our work. We take a collaborative, iterative approach to UCD through GDS Discovery to Live, embracing a 'fail-fast' mind-set, avoiding leading users to premature solutions. We achieve this with continuous user research, understanding user problems / needs and the user journey context, achieving best possible outcomes from digital and data products. We work to WCAG 2.1 AA and GDPR standards, ensuring accessible and usable products. We have ranked top 10 in E-consultancy Top 100 Digital Agencies.

In Discovery, we work with the Product Owner to identify the appropriate user groups, research their priority problems / needs (using interviews and ethnographic studies, supported with as-is / to-be scenarios, user journey maps, personas), ensuring problems identified are worth solving. We identify digital and data solutions, working with DevSecOps to generate a backlog of epics, with a business case and product roadmap, informing priorities for Alpha.

In Alpha, we refine the backlog into user stories ideated into UX designs (using functional user flows). Designs are shown to users for feedback, then developed into interactive UX prototypes (using tools such as Figma, Adobe XD or actual code). Prototypes are tested with users (in lab-based usability tests) and with staff (using operational dry-runs) to test the wider user experience prior to Private Beta.

In Private Beta, we continue to perform user research further improving the user experience allowing DevSecOps to harden the product solution, continually learning from a subset of users and demographics in live. Learnings and benefits are measured using GDS KPIs, such as # of completed transactions.

In Public Beta and Live, we continue to research and test the solution (refining products and improving the service, identifying new epics in the process) as the service is scaled and opened up to anyone that needs it.

All UCD activities are managed in Sprints using a dual-track process, ensuring designs are ready for DevSecOps product delivery. We have our own UCD approach, using Lean design principles, enabling product prototyping within 1 week.

