

Business Enablers

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Service Definition

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Service definition – Business Enablers

1. Introduction to tlmNexus

tlmNexus is an agile and innovative SME that develops and supports managed application services that are used to solve through-life acquisition and support management issues for the Defence and related sectors. The Company supports its customers' teams to enable them to work strategically, collaboratively and effectively to maintain and streamline the delivery of capability.

We have an outstanding record of delivering web-based tools and services that align people, processes and information to bring workflow efficiency, watertight compliance and better value for money. Our shared experiences, first-hand knowledge of the market and deep understanding of how government departments operate allows us to know what's needed, when and how. Our services can easily be configured to benefit almost any Government organisation.

We are an ISO 27001 Information Security Management System and ISO 9001 Quality Management System certified company.



2. Highlights of the service

- Applied governance for end-to-end engineering, business and project processes.
- Connects the entire team with a highly-configurable evergreen product.
- Exploit your data with integrated data visualisation and analytics.
- Outstanding levels of service reliability and availability.
- UK-based company with UK Government security cleared personnel.
- Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL)-based Service team.
- Training delivered on-site or remotely using collaboration tools, including e-Learning.
- Secure Government and commercial cloud hosting options.

3. What are the features of the service?

- User access controls and permissions for secure and role-based accessibility.
- Approved hosting accessible via MODNET.
- Compliant with MoD Network policy and JSP 440 procedures.
- Web-based enabling remote access across local intranets.
- Collaborative architecture with configurable workflow and process
- Meets National Archive Standards, in particular BS10008 and ISO27001.
- Web Services or Assured Messaging enables integration with third-party tools.
- Comprehensive configurable management reports.
- Easy to use, advanced 'Google style' search.
- Can be used for Air, Land and Sea systems.

4. What are the benefits of the service?

- Enables end users to access approved policy documentation.
- Reduces the delay between document publication and end user consumption.
- Enables the recording and management of quality occurrences across a business.
- Integrates existing services to external data sources.
- Avoids duplicated manual data entry and the associated data errors.
- Enables large volumes of data from different sources to be exploited.
- Aids both reactive and proactive decision-making to drive efficiencies.
- Supports specific and over-arching compliance and policies.
- Improves corporate knowledge by retaining technical and operational data.
- Monitors key performance indicators and supports trend analysis.



5. An overview of Business Enablers

A variety of additional service components (Business Enablers) are available either to enhance existing services or as individual services.

All our services are provided through a Portal that enables single sign-on across multiple service instances controlled by fine-grained, Role/Attribute/Capability-based Access Control (RBAC/CBAC). The Portal service enables the integration of the Business Enablers with other tlmNexus Service components and with other portal-based business functions such as Collaborative Working Environments (CWE).

In addition, various common information is managed in line with GDPR requirements using Portal; this includes user contact details, passwords, system maintenance and training notifications and training event booking.

5.1. NexusHub

For tlmNexus services, where there are two or more services (e.g. Resolve and e-Library, or Resolve and DaRT), NexusHub is included as standard. NexusHub provides a one portal login to access activity, tasks and dashboards for all services. This reduces additional logins and avoids swivel-chair between multiple applications. It allows users one landing page to access all activity across multiple applications for increased efficiency.

5.2. Data Integration

Data Integration provides a mechanism to connect existing services to external data sources in order to enrich the information held within the tlmNexus service. Data integration avoids duplicated manual data entry and potential associated data errors.

5.3. Business Intelligence

Business Intelligence (BI) recognises that information is a strategic asset underpinning all activities for an organisation. The BI service enables large volumes of data from different sources to be exploited in terms of meaningful and useful information for business analysis purposes. Through the use of tailored queries, it provides insights and supports decision-making across a wide range of situations from strategic to operational.

The service has four levels:

01

Dashboards displays the current status of metrics and key performance indicators for elements of the service. It provides a standard set of dashboards sourced from real time data so reduces the time to gain valuable and usable insight from your data. Configuration to suit a customer's requirements allows tailoring for a specific role and display metrics targeted for a single point of view, section or business unit.

02

Ad hoc reporting to provide a single report view of data covering a specific function/process as tables, charts etc which if required to be repeatable could evolve into a dashboard view as required. This service allows a limited number of requests every month that is determined on complexity and effort. The service includes the provision of experienced personnel to help customers to define what they need and design the outputs to provide the outcomes required.

03

Self Service providing users with the ability to manipulate prepared data from the data held within their service components (including data integrated from external sources) allowing customers to build their own reports rapidly and fluidly to answer queries.

04

Enterprise Data Exploitation allows data-sets to be combined providing enriched wide-aspect reporting across the tlmNexus services and also across the enterprise space, combining acquired data assets from other systems.

Case study example: Business Intelligence has been used to provide datasets to pinpoint areas within the support of a system requiring investigation, leading to an improved level of service and better value for money from the system service provider.

6. On-Boarding and Off-Boarding processes

6.1. On-Boarding

The specification of the Service On-Boarding will be defined and agreed with the customer to deliver a set of available features from the tlmNexus service.

If a specific configuration or support element is required that is related to a customer's unique business requirements, this can be ordered through the Lot 3 Cloud Support service, priced in accordance with our SFIA Rate Table (see Pricing Document).

Once an order has been received the on-boarding process will begin the deployment of the configuration agreed with the customer. This will include detailed planning activities that will include any work from an associated Lot 3 Cloud Support order for additional configuration, data migration or enhanced integration support. Awareness demonstrations and product training timings will be scheduled and a go-live release window will be agreed. Suitably qualified and experienced tlmNexus personnel will remain in communication with the customer throughout the on-boarding process.

Once the live service has commenced, a period of early-life support will ensure that users are content with how the service operates. If appropriate, floorwalkers can be made available at the various customer sites to assist users as required; this capability can also be provided remotely using collaboration tools. The Service Desk will be available for users to raise any tickets, queries or service requests.

Once the deployment of the service has been completed, continuous monitoring and support will be provided for the period of the call-off. The appointed tlmNexus Customer Account Manager will be available to handle any day-to-day queries regarding the operation of the Service and discuss any associated emergent requirements.

The customer will have access to tlmNexus resources to assist the user base including ongoing training throughout the duration of the service contract.

An example Business Enablers on-boarding for a small team could comprise the following:

Service Charge			On-Boarding	Monthly
Lot 2	NexusHub	Standard Onboarding	See Pricing Document	See Pricing Document
Lot 3	Additional Configuration	Priced from SFIA Rate card	See Pricing Document	
	Data Migration	Priced from SFIA Rate card	See Pricing Document	
	Enhanced Integration Support	Priced from SFIA Rate card	See Pricing Document	

6.2. Off-Boarding

A customer can choose to off-board from the service by giving 30 working days' notice in writing in advance of the required off-boarding date. During the notice period the existing service charges remain payable.

Off-boarding requests will be acknowledged and the necessary off-boarding schedule, including data repatriation, will be agreed with the customer. Data will be off-boarded in a format in line with Government Open Standards Principles.

If the customer has any non-Standard data repatriation requirements then an additional off-boarding charge may apply. This would be agreed as a Lot 3 Cloud Support order and priced in accordance with the SFIA Rate Card.

7. The Service

7.1. Service Level Agreement

Service Level Agreements (SLAs) appropriate to the customer needs can be agreed and these could include:

- Availability Management
- Service Desk
- Training Management
- Service Request Management
- Capacity Management
- Service Management
- Service Continuity Management
- Access Management
- Incident Management
- Problem Management
- Change Management
- Release Management
- IT Asset Management
- Information Security Management

Areas of particular interest are highlighted below.

7.2. Availability

The Service is hosted on scalable, secure infrastructure and is built on proven technologies. The service is offered as a fully managed service meaning that customers are not required to invest in any additional resources (hardware, software and support staff).

All tlmNexus services are hosted in UK-based, fully resilient Data Centres. Services are continuously monitored utilising industry-standard tools, with systems in place to ensure business continuity and disaster recovery. Dedicated isolated hosting environments are created thereby ensuring no cross-contamination of data.

Customers who prefer to host the services on their own environments can be accommodated and arrangements can be discussed.

7.3. Service Desk

The tlmNexus ITIL-based Service Desk provides a Single Point of Contact for user account management, technical support and the provision of communications to the user base. All of our UK-based support staff are suitably qualified and experienced, with detailed knowledge of the Service modules. We encourage a collaborative working relationship between technical and customer support experts thus ensuring a high-quality, comprehensive and cohesive support service.

7.4. Training

Our training courses give candidates a working knowledge of the key capabilities of our Service Modules to ensure they are equipped with the practical skills necessary to fulfil their roles.

Training is carried out by our suitably qualified and experienced training team to ensure effective knowledge transfer to all Service users. Training is delivered face-to-face on the customer premises using either customer provisioned workstations or our interactive training system. Alternatively, training courses may be delivered using remote collaboration tools such as Microsoft Teams. The training can be supplemented by online help, e-learning courses and user guides. Courses can be tailored to meet individual requirements and emphasis is placed on each delegate's training needs. External training facilities can be made available.

7.5 Change Management (Evergreen Compliance)

Modifications to the service resulting from Customer policy changes which affect the relevance and usability of the Service framework in normal operation can be included as part of the service. tlmNexus will endeavour to provide updates to incorporate the required changes as soon as reasonably practicable.

As part of the Service, tlmNexus will take all reasonable measures to ensure its services remain compliant with the following standards and policy documents:

- Government ICT Strategy
- Greening Government: ICT Strategy
- Government Open Standards Principles
- Information Principles for the UK Public Sector

Changes not included as part of the service can be ordered through the Lot 3 Cloud Support service, priced in accordance with our SFIA Rate Table (see Pricing Document).

7.6. Customer Responsibilities

Customer Responsibilities are agreed in the call-off schedule and customers are expected to provide the necessary resources to enable tlmNexus to meet its obligations under the call-off agreement. Customer input is required to ensure the necessary On-Boarding configuration specification. Appropriate customer sign-off is required to agree that the Service has been configured and delivered in accordance with the requirements of the Order.

The customer is required to ensure that all necessary approvals are granted to allow tlmNexus and its sub-contractors to receive and have access to access any customer data required for on-boarding and ongoing service operation.

The customer is required to inform tlmNexus as soon as any event or activity is foreseen that may hinder the delivery or use of the service.

8. Ordering and invoicing process

For further information about the tlmNexus services please contact the tlmNexus Sales Team by telephone on 01273 545960 or by emailing enquiries@tlmnexus.com.

The sales team will answer any queries and will help to define the specification and service level to configure an initial deployment.

A Trial Service may be available. Contact the tlmNexus Sales Team on 01273 545960 or email enquiries@tlmnexus.com to request this.



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