



SEA part of groundbreaking transatlantic defence research agreement

The International Technology Alliance formed to drive joint research for US Army and the UK Ministry of Defence includes SEA (Group) Ltd who is a key Small Medium Enterprise (SME) providing innovative transition to fundamental research. SEA has extensive experience in military security issues and specialises in sensor development.

The United States Army Research Laboratory and United Kingdom Ministry of Defence have selected an IBM-led consortium, the newly formed International Technology Alliance (ITA) in Network and Information Sciences, to undertake a research programme exploring advanced technology for secure wireless and sensor networks to support future coalition operations, over a potential 10 year period, with a value of up to \$135.8 million.

Successful future military operations will depend on the capability of coalition forces to quickly gather, interpret and share battlefield information to coordinate actions, so the research will enable interoperability and communications across disparate military units, allowing them to operate more effectively.

This Alliance represents a new way of conducting collaborative research by fostering close partnerships among government, academic, and industry researchers in both countries. The ITA creates a critical mass of private sector and government researchers focused on solving military technology challenges central to future coalition military operations; enabling staff rotations among all organisations in the Alliance; and facilitating rapid and affordable transition of technologies with an innovative transition model.

Commenting on the contract award, SEA's Marine Division Managing Director, Kieron Gubb, said: "SEA is delighted to be a part of the winning consortium led by IBM. We will play a significant part in a number of tasks and SEA is looking forward to building on its extensive heritage in military systems to help realise the NEC for effective coalition operations."