Business Support Case Study

5C Consulting

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5C Consulting deliver both pre-contract, business winning, consultancy support and post contract subject matter expertise in support of military training and experimentation programmes in the UK defence and security sector. More recently, 5C have diversified into the virtual world by providing services across the spectrum of capture and delivery activities needed to create and exploit digital twins in defence and construction sector procurement.

"I use a virtual office at Blenheim Hill and was chatting to other businesses about networking. I was introduced to OxLEP as a route for business support and funding. So, I applied for a Cherwell Business Adaptation Fund grant to help us grow our digital twinning capability and thankfully, we were successful. The grant provided us with two complete IT systems that we use for processing the huge amount of data we capture through our digital capture devices such as Lidar scanners. In addition, the funding was used for consultancy to upskill the team on the latest technologies and we now have three trained operators. Since that, we have won contracts totaling over half a million pounds for the delivery of our services – a route that would have been extremely difficult to pursue without the initial capital outlay that OxLEP were able to help with."

You can tell that OxLEP's grant application is a really tried and tested procedure. I was very impressed. I've been in defence for many years and if the process of innovation funding for the military was as slick as OxLEP's, many more contracts would get placed.



The OxLEP team were on hand

From the first webforms they give you all the information you need and are very clear on eligibility. I must admit, I was a little daunted at first, but as I stepped into the process the OxLEP team were on hand to help me and make it really straight forward. The team knew there was always capability at all iterations, they would help me. They were also flexible when things changed my and during the application. Compared to other organisations I have dealt with in the past they are a breath of fresh air."