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DIUS Science and Innovation Strategy: An Opportunity for you to contribute

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I am delighted to invite you to take up the opportunity to contribute to the Science and Innovation Strategy that the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) is producing in the spring of 2008. I would value your input, drawing on your own and your organisation's skills and experience.

The strategy aims to identify innovative ways in which we can promote innovation across the private and public sectors and help more people acquire and use the skills for successful innovation. Our intention is to strengthen the relationships between providers and users of products, services and skills in innovation to reinforce the innovative culture that we are building together in the UK in a way that is socially inclusive.

I am taking soundings from a wide range of stakeholder groups across society to draw on the best ideas from external experts and suppliers and users of innovation. To take part please email us at innovation.ideas@dius.gsi.gov.uk or register at our website <http://dius.dialoguebydesign.net>

The responses I receive will inform future DIUS policy priorities to improve the UK's quality of life (social and environmental) and economic prosperity.

The questions outlined below can guide but should not limit your response.

- What current bottlenecks do you or your organisation experience that could be transformed by an innovative approach or by applying new skills? (These can be general areas or specific needs)
- Can you envisage areas of life that could be transformed in the future by taking a new or different approach? (suggested areas: quality of life, health and environment)
- What gaps have you experienced in developing or in uptake of innovative products/ services?
- How can Government help to create an innovative culture of suppliers and users in the UK's public and private sectors?

Thank you for taking time to consider this opportunity to contribute.

Together, we can make a difference and enhance the UK's performance in science, business, and the public sector.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister for Science and Innovation