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<b>Title</b>	The application of systems engineering to the management of nationally-important research in a multi-enterprise context
<b>Abstract</b>	<p>The conduct of nationally-important research in a multi-enterprise context can be considered to be a complex system of systems. It encompasses people, process and technology issues at a number of levels in each enterprise, together with issues of infrastructure and the environmental context. The effective operation of this system of systems relies on the resolution of issues associated with each of these, simultaneously and across all the enterprises involved. However, the complexity of the system of systems and the lack of models and tools with which to analyse its behaviour can thwart attempts to achieve optimal behaviour, resulting, at best, in a series of compromises. This research aims to develop an approach or approaches to facilitate the identification and management of nationally-important defence-related research in a multi-enterprise context.</p>