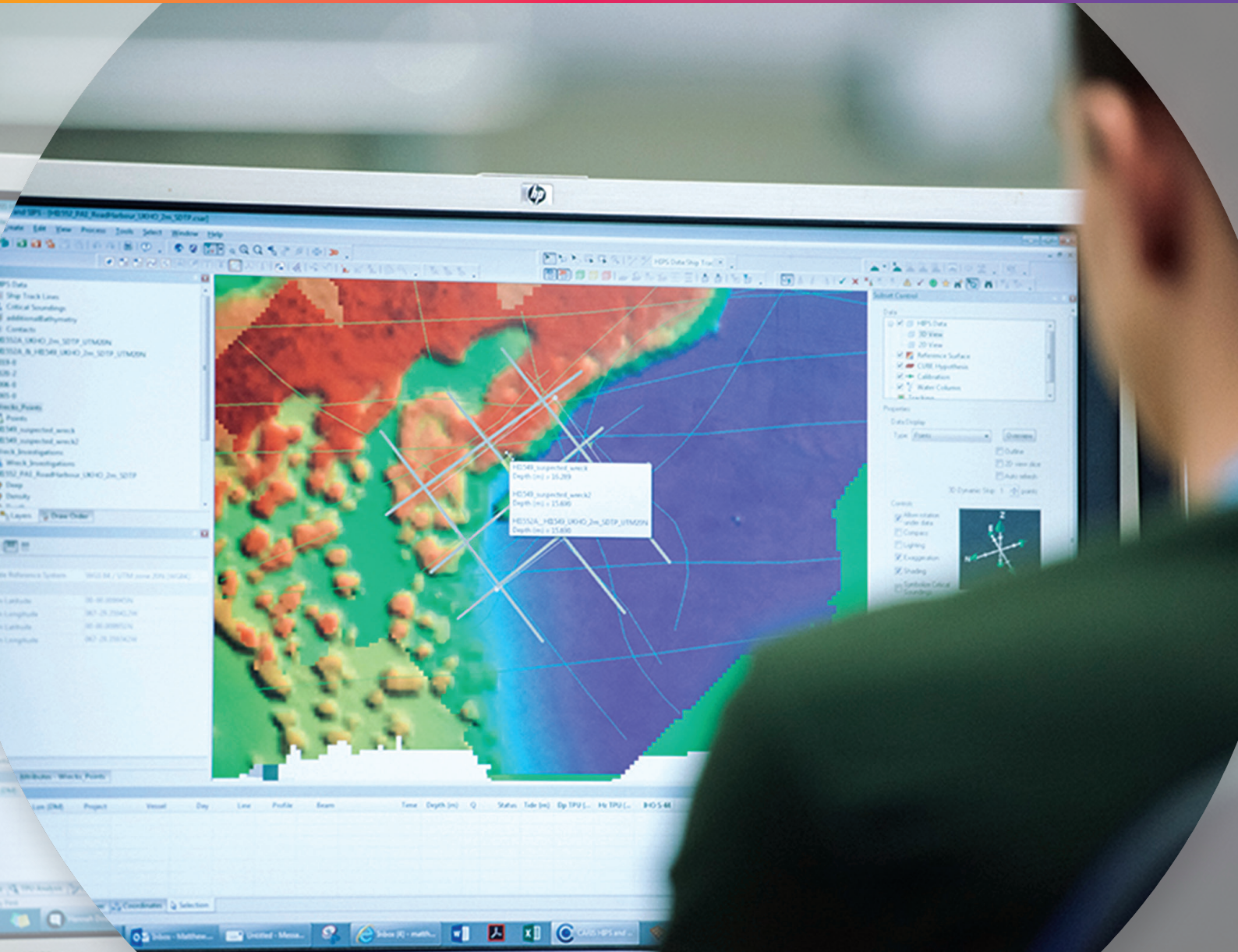


# Digital Technologies



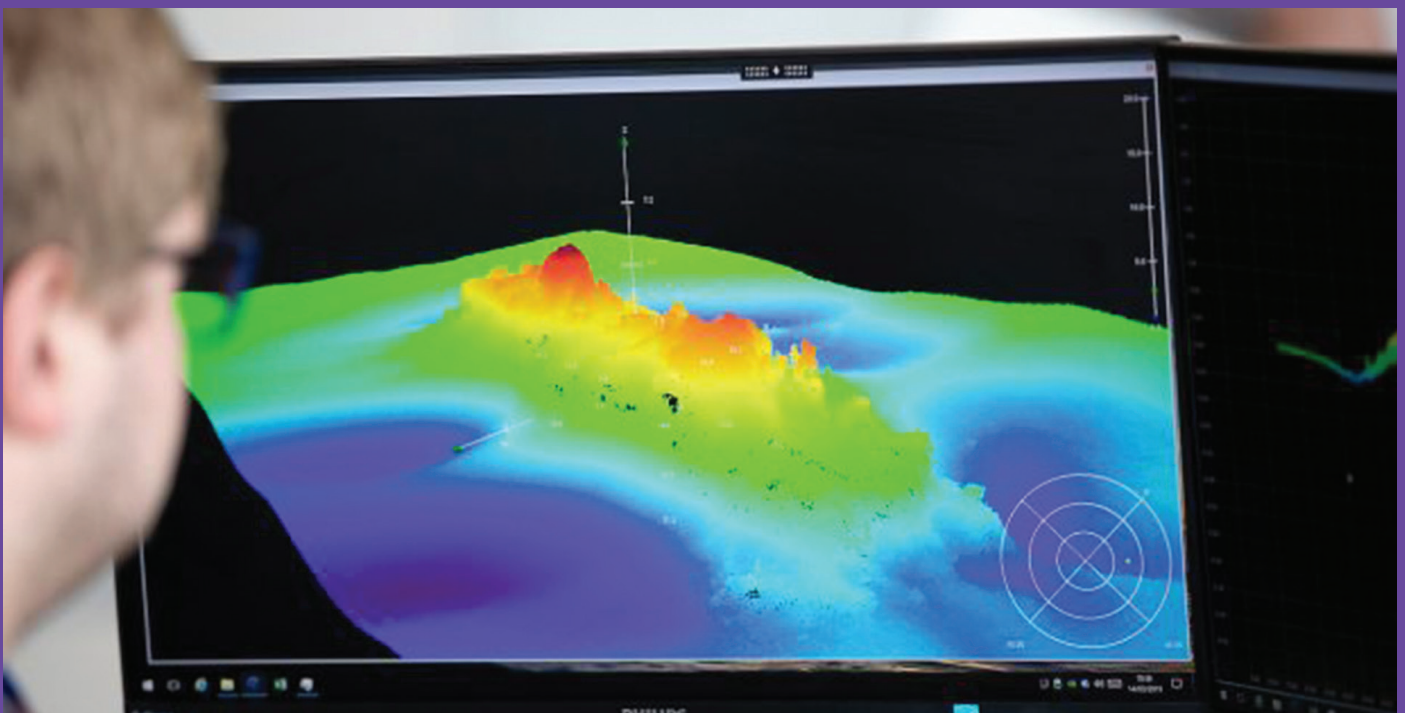
England's most beautiful county attracts people and businesses looking for the optimum balance of future opportunity, stunning environment and exceptional lifestyle. Invest Somerset provides a seamless one-stop shop approach to facilitate more jobs and investment by working closely with potential new and existing businesses.



# Digital Technology in Somerset

**Digital and creative industries are the fastest growing sectors in the region and Somerset's talented innovators are at the forefront of transformative change.**

Digital technologies are driving key industries across the South West from medtech, insurtech and agritech, as well as enabling smarter manufacturing thanks to advances in artificial intelligence, Big Data and the Internet of Things. Major companies headquartered in Somerset, such as Leonardo and the UK Hydrographic Office are leveraging latest digital technologies to create better products and services.



Our digital credentials create opportunities in HealthTech with particular strengths in diagnostics and photonics, which includes Novanta's Optics Centre of Excellence in Taunton.

The sector is supported by the new £11m Somerset Digital Innovation Centre, providing the perfect expansion environment for businesses to meet, collaborate and locate. The 28,000 square-foot building will feature office, workshop, collaboration and meeting space over four storeys, as well as innovation support services for digital economy businesses. Our thriving digital ecosystem has a passion for collaboration. Groups such as the Somerset Arts and Business Cultural Alliance and Tech South West, as well as Digital Somerset and the Creative Innovation Centre CIC, are championing the digital and creative assets of the area providing platforms and environments for startups, scaleups and major global players to network and explore together.

Local colleges and universities have a focus on creative and digital tech ensuring a great pipeline of future talent

supports businesses based in Somerset. The Taunton campus of the University Centre Somerset has foundation and degree courses in Computing & Digital Technologies, while Yeovil College has a range of courses and apprenticeships in computing, digital production, design and development.

