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DCA ANNOUNCES NEW IT CONTRACTORS

Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA) Permanent Secretary Alex Allan today named Atos Origin and Logica CMG as the successful providers for two new major IT contracts which will improve services for DCA clients and staff and offer better value for money to the public. The announcement follows the two-year competitive Development, Innovation and Support Contracts (DISC) procurement programme.

Together the contracts will be worth an anticipated £500m over a seven-year period. They will ensure both value for money to the taxpayer and support the continued modernisation of the DCA by playing a key role in delivering fewer and simpler systems that best meet customer needs.

The contracts, which will provide integrated infrastructure and application services, are the culmination of a process that commenced with consultation between the DISC programme, the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) and IT industry through the Intellect Concept Viability Forum.

The new infrastructure contract has been awarded to Atos Origin and will provide a number of benefits including the roll-out of a unified IT infrastructure across the whole Department allowing for more effective and efficient communication and improved service levels.

The applications contract has been awarded to Logica CMG and will include the support, maintenance and development of existing applications and provide a flexible platform for modernisation.

DCA Permanent Secretary Alex Allan said:

“The DCA welcomes the new contracts which will offer greater value for money to the tax payer and enable better services to the public. They will allow for future IT development and present an opportunity for the Department, Her Majesty’s Court Services and the Tribunals Services to exploit new technology to ensure that we continue to improve the service we offer.”

Notes to editors

1. The DISC programme is a major procurement for the replacement of current DCA IT infrastructure and application contracts. The initial scope of the contracts does not include new applications or services, but do provide the framework that allows for future innovation and development. The programme will:
 - Ensure continuity of existing services
 - Procure a modern, flexible IT infrastructure and applications contract
 - Deliver a single, common, IT infrastructure across the DCA
 - Provide a stronger IT platform for delivery of current services and a more flexible base for modernisation
 - Act as an enabler for the Department to exploit new technologies
2. The DISC programme will replace the following contracts on their expiration:

Contract	Provider
<i>LOCCS</i>	<i>EDS</i>
<i>ARAMIS (IT Services)</i>	<i>Liberata</i>
<i>Libra</i>	<i>Fujitsu, STL, Accenture</i>
<i>Web hosting</i>	<i>Cable & Wireless</i>

3. The procurement strategy was developed in consultation with the IT industry and Office for Government Commerce via the Intellect Concept Viability Forum to ensure maximum attractiveness to the market and value for money.
4. The existing contracts were developed in the 1990s to meet the needs of the then Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Court Service. Expiry during 2007 and 2008 offered the opportunity for a single procurement exercise to obtain the best deal for the DCA and the taxpayer and to reflect organisational change and modernisation, and incorporate the new Tribunal Service, established in April 2006.
5. The DISC programme has followed approved procedures for this size of procurement. A Prior Indicative Notice was published in December 2004,

and the full notice appeared in the Official Journal of the European Journal (OJEU) in April 2005. The full notice attracted more than 90 expressions of interest.

6. Shortlisted candidates submitting Best and Final Offers were:

Applications

Atos Origin
IBM
Logica CMG

Infrastructure

Atos Origin
EDS

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