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Serco steps up to Galileo challenge with Eurely

Serco is delighted to announce that it has joined the Eurely Consortium, formed by Alcatel, AENA, Finmeccanica and Hispasat for the Galileo concession, the European satellite navigation system.

Serco, as one of the world's largest service companies operating in a diverse range of sectors, strengthens the Eurely team through its wide ranging experience and capability in space and satellite operations across the UK and Europe, including the UK Skynet 5 programme and the European Space Agency (ESA) and expertise in the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) arena.

On Skynet 5, Serco provides key services critical to delivery of the satellite communications, including network and spacecraft operations, maintenance, infrastructure management, training, and logistics.

For the ESA, Serco provides services across Europe, including spacecraft control and analysis, project management, and technical and engineering support for computer systems and ground segment operations and maintenance.

Serco will also be able to assist Eurely to introduce the Galileo location positioning applications and services across the company's extensive public transport and traffic management markets.

Giuseppe Veredice, SVP Business Development of Finmeccanica, on behalf of Eurely stated "We are delighted to welcome Serco to the team. We look forward to leveraging Serco's technical capabilities, their government procurement experience and their UK experience."

Andrew White, Chief Executive, Serco Defence and Aerospace said "We are excited to join the Eurely team for Galileo, and believe that our strong track record in space-related technology and our significant UK and worldwide presence will help Eurely achieve Preferred Bidder for the Galileo Concession."

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Notes to Editors

- Serco has wide ranging space experience and capability to bring to the team. Serco operates and maintains satellite ground stations and other space related activities in the UK and Europe, providing services to government and commercial organisations.
- Serco is one of the world's largest service companies operating on a global basis in a diverse range of sectors, including defence, aerospace, and science, public transport and traffic management, health and education, justice and local government. For more information on Serco Group plc, visit www.serco.com
- In December 2004 Serco was named as Britain's most admired support services company and 6th most admired British company overall in the Management Today survey.
- Eurely has been formed to become the core of the future Concessionaire of Galileo, the satellite navigation system initiated and supported by the European Union and the European Space Agency.