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### **Serco selected for £400m Defence Academy Centre of Excellence contract**

Serco Group plc ("Serco") has been selected as preferred bidder for the Ministry of Defence's ("MOD") Defence Academy Campus Integrator ("DACI") contract.

Serco will assist the MOD in integrating its three existing post-graduate education Colleges to create an international academic centre of excellence for senior military and civilian personnel.

The DACI partnering contract will be worth around £400m in revenue over 23 years and 8 months. It will include the management and integration of the design and building of new premises. On a day to day basis, Serco will provide facilities management services across the 157 campus buildings and the 330 hectare estate, supporting all of the training activity of the Defence Academy. Serco will also be responsible for integrating IT hardware, software and audio visual facilities across the entire facility.

The contract builds upon the Joint Services Command and Staff College ("JSCSC") contract, also managed by Serco at the same site in Shrivenham, Wiltshire, which was highly acclaimed by the National Audit Office for being delivered on time and on budget. The college was built under the 25 year design, build and operate pfi won in 1998.

Sir Roger Jackling, Director Defence Academy, said: "This is a very satisfactory outcome to a demanding competition against tight timescales. I am delighted that we will be able to build upon Serco's successful partnership with the Joint Staff College."

Christopher Hyman, Chief Executive of Serco Group plc said: "We are delighted to have been selected to manage this prestigious contract. Our strong partnership with the MOD allows us to understand the customer's needs and deliver an innovative solution in a cost efficient way."

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- In December 2004 Serco was named as Britain's most admired support services company and 6<sup>th</sup> most admired British company overall in the Management Today survey.
- This award is the latest in a series of successful contracts for Serco Defence and Aerospace. These include:
  - Contracts at the UK Air Surveillance and Control System, where Serco provide, amongst many things, maintenance and associated support for the aircraft of No. 32 (The Royal) Squadron, also known as the Queen's Flight. The Royal Navy's Waterfront Education and Training Centre WTEC, where Serco's function is to provide naval personnel with maritime warfare operator skills training within each port area, thus minimising time spent away from home whilst conducting the necessary training ashore.
  - Contracts at RAF Northolt and RAF Uxbridge, where Serco provides a number of services including aircraft maintenance, and engineering services.