

## Press Release

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### Serco selected as preferred bidder on £70m Naval Air Command contract

Serco has been selected as the preferred bidder for a ten year partnering contract with the Naval Air Command.

The contract, with a core value of £70.5M over ten years from April 2008 and potential for further development, will see Serco providing operational support to the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm. Serco will deliver aviation, engineering and aircraft support at two Royal Naval Air Stations, Yeovilton and Culdrose, building on an existing and highly effective relationship we have with Fleet Headquarters, developed over the past 12 years.

The consequence of our work will be to improve the availability of aircraft and trained aircrew to the Fleet Air Arm at a time of considerable operational pressure, building on the operational support we already provide to the Royal Navy's aircraft.

Bob McGuiness, Chief Executive of Serco Defence, Science and Technology, said:

"We are extremely pleased to have been appointed preferred bidder for future support to the Naval Air Command. Like all of Serco's work with the Ministry of Defence, our support to Naval Air Command is dedicated to improving the operational capability of the UK's armed forces during these challenging times. To that end, we are very much looking forward to strengthening our role in a renewed, long term partnering relationship with the Royal Navy."

Contract award is scheduled for autumn 2007.

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### Notes to Editors

Serco's track record of providing vital services in support of the Ministry of Defence began over forty years ago when it was entrusted by the government to maintain the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at RAF Fylingdales. From this landmark contract, the company has established a strong reputation in the defence, science and technology markets for reliability, innovation and successful long-term working partnerships.

The Naval Air Command contract will include support to the Heron Flight, the Royal Navy Historic Flight and the Underwater Escape Training Unit at RNAS Yeovilton, and the Fleet Requirements Air Direction Unit (FRADU) at RNAS Culdrose.

Serco is an international service company, which combines commercial know-how with a deep public service ethos. It improves services by managing people, processes, technology and assets more effectively.

Serco's people offer operational, management and consulting expertise in the aerospace, defence, health, home affairs, local government, nuclear, science, technology, transport and commercial sectors.

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