
Serco signs new Australian Defence contract for maintenance, engineering and technical support

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Serco, the international service company, has signed a new contract with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to provide In-Service support of the Mini-Typhoon, Typhoon and Toplite systems deployed on 23 ships of the Royal Australian Navy.

The contract, valued at AU\$4m (£2.7m) a year will be provided by Serco Australia Defence. The initial contract is for five years with the possibility of two five year extensions. Serco will have two key subcontractors, Rafael Advanced Defence Systems and manufacturer Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems (ATK).

The agreement increases Serco's global support for Naval platforms with Serco's North American division already providing similar maintenance and logistics work for the United States Navy. It also enhances Serco Australia's long-term business strategy for delivering innovative technical service solutions for Australia's Defence needs.

Serco's scope of work includes full support and maintenance for the defence platforms including engineering management, strategic procurement and inventory management.

Four dedicated Serco workshops will be established at strategic ports around Australia with full support nationwide delivered by a team of specialist technicians and engineers. The capability for testing, compliance and assurance will be unique in Australia.

Mark Irwin, Serco Asia Pacific Chief Executive, said: "We are pleased to have the opportunity to support the Australian Defence Force. The ongoing collaboration between the RAN, Serco, Rafael and ATK provides outstanding service to our defence forces confirming the ongoing availability, reliability and sustainability of the platform across Australia.

"I am also delighted that we can develop significant technical skills in Australia through this program that will grow the overall capability in the service of Naval vessels."

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