



In the UK, Steria awarded contract with the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory to deliver ICT services

November 15, 2010 - Steria today announced it has been selected as preferred bidder for a contract worth approximately €70 million (£60million) by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), part of the UK Ministry of Defence. Following a competitive bid process, with six invitations to tender and four responses, Steria has been selected to deliver ICT services to Dstl over an eight-year period. The contract is due to begin on 1st April 2011.

Steria will be responsible for delivering core IT services for Dstl's corporate networks, including maintenance of its IT infrastructure, the provision of IT helpdesk support, and technical support for ad-hoc departmental projects. Due to the nature of Dstl's work, one of the networks contains protectively-marked information as well as varied scientific research - Steria will also be required to support complex and bespoke technical applications designed for Dstl's cutting-edge work.

Commenting on its selection of Steria as a new IT services partner, Jill Cook, Dstl's Director of Infrastructure said, "flexibility, technological and service delivery, an appreciation for our exacting information security requirements and of course value for money, were the most important qualities we sought in an IT services partner."

She continued, "We found Steria to be the best match for delivering against all four."

"As a centre of excellence, responsible for the science and technology agenda in UK defence, Dstl fulfils a role of national and international importance. IT as an enabler of Dstl's daily operations and high-profile projects must stand up to its rigorous demands as well as create efficiencies," said John Torrie, Steria UK and India CEO. "Steria is committed to delivering significant cost savings over the contract lifetime and supporting Dstl in its drive to improve workplace efficiency and IT asset utilisation."



The tender process was carried out in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Fair and Open Competition policy guidelines and the Ministry of Defence's commercial guidelines. The contract has options for up to an additional two years.

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About Steria

Steria delivers IT enabled business services which help organisations in the public and private sectors operate more efficiently and profitably. By combining in depth understanding of our clients' businesses with expertise in IT and business process outsourcing, we take on our clients' challenges and develop innovative solutions to address them. Through our highly collaborative consulting style, we work with our clients to transform their business, enabling them to focus on what they do best. Our 18,300 people, working across 16 countries, support the systems, services and processes that make today's world turn, touching the lives of millions around the globe each day. Founded in 1969, Steria has offices in Europe, India, North Africa and SE Asia and a 2009 revenue of €1,630 billion. 19.7% of Steria's capital is owned by its employees. Headquartered in Paris, Steria is listed on the Euronext Paris market.

About The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl)

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) leads the defence science and technology sector's response to the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) current operations and future defence strategy. Dstl's work saves lives in the UK, overseas and on the frontline.

Dstl maximises the impact of science and technology (S&T) for defence and security requirements, working with industry and academia to deliver battle-winning technologies. It identifies real S&T advances and works to pull ideas rapidly in to service.

Dstl also works with other government departments, exploiting its expertise and knowledge to improve the safety and security of UK citizens.

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory is a trading fund of the Ministry of Defence and is accountable to government, to the taxpayer and the troops it supports in the field every day.

Around 3,500 of the nation's most talented and creative scientists, technologists and engineers work for Dstl at its three main sites: Porton Down, near Salisbury, Portsmouth West, near Portsmouth, and Fort Halstead, near Sevenoaks.

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