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**NEXT GENERATION ESTATE
CONTRACTS (NGEC):
National Training Estate Prime**

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MOD launches new UK training estate contract

Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has announced that it will develop a national prime contract worth up to £950m to manage its 240,000-hectare UK training estate. It will be inviting expressions of interest from potential bidders for the new contract.

The National Training Estate Prime (NTEP) contract will deliver management of training areas, camps and ranges (including air weapons ranges) in the UK when the current arrangement starts to expire in 2013. Some sites will follow in 2014 and beyond. Key sites will include Salisbury Plain Training Area, Catterick Training Area, Sennybridge, and Otterburn.

Services to be provided under the project will include management and operation of ranges and training areas, specialist range safety and range warden services, built estate facilities management, accommodation services, management of the rural estate, catering, cleaning, construction, range bookings and information management.

The contract is valued at between £400m and £950m over a minimum of five years and a maximum of 10 years. It will replace the current contracts for the Defence Training Estate (DTE) sites.

Brigadier Ian Simpson, Head of International and Training, said: "Military training is vital to the ongoing success of operations in Afghanistan and Libya, so DIO's top priority is to support the Armed Forces, including the provision of excellent training facilities.

"The training estate contains a variety of terrain, buildings, and training facilities across UK. By creating a national contract, we will ensure coherent management and optimised value for money across highly complex assets and training requirements."

Steve Rice, Head of the NGEC programme, said: "This is a very significant commercial opportunity which we anticipate will be of interest to a wide range of companies of all sizes and a wide variety many different sectors, including potential supply chain companies.

"I am determined that through the procurement for this contract we engage all interested companies, from SMEs to prime contractors, to ensure that we deliver the best possible outcome for the military frontline."

The contract tender notice for the NTEP will be issued to the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and the Defence Contracts Bulletin (DCB) by the end of July 2011.

A list of organisations which submit expressions of interest in the contract will (with their individual permission) be made available via the online NGEC Potential Bidders Directory on the MOD website.

The DTE supports training for an average of 9,000 military personnel per day.

Notes to editors

1. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is part of the Ministry of Defence (MOD). It is responsible for managing and maintaining land and properties to meet the current and future needs of the MOD and personnel at home and abroad, and to support current operations.
2. Our work includes providing, supporting and improving: operational units; single living and service family accommodation; training areas and historic military sites. DIO actively manages these to ensure the needs of Defence are met, value for money is achieved, our heritage is protected and to achieve our environmental goals.
3. DIO was formed on 1 April 2011 when the former Defence Estates (DE) organisation was brought together with other property and infrastructure functions within department to form a single organisation. DIO manages the MOD's property infrastructure and ensures strategic management of the Defence estate as a whole.
4. Within DIO, the Defence Training Estate delivers military training facilities that support and prepare troops for operations worldwide, including deployment to Afghanistan. It spans around 240,000 hectares of training estate most of it rural estate (two-thirds of the MOD estate), including major training areas (e.g. Salisbury Plain), minor training areas, ranges and camps. It also includes 170 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), 40 Special Protection Areas (SARs), 60 Special Conservation Areas (SCAs), 25 RAMSAR (i.e. wetland of international importance), and 700 Scheduled Archaeological Monuments.
5. The Next Generation Estate Contracts (NGEC) Programme is developing a new suite of contracts for the UK Defence estate, comprising four Regional Prime contracts for hard facilities management, one national and six regional Capital Works Frameworks for construction projects, a National Housing Prime contract, and the National Training Estate Prime contract.

Further information:

Defence internet – NGEC programme:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/NextGenerationEstateContracts.htm>

Defence Training Estate:

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/MicroSite/DIO/WhatWeDo/DTE/>

Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU):

<http://ted.europa.eu/TED/main/HomePage.do>

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