



The Department for Communities and Local Government (DLCG) is now referred to as Communities and Local Government (CLG)

### **1. National CLG Project Update**

Although the IS Contract has still to be awarded, the IS workstream has developed detailed plans for completion of the procurement exercise and supporting activities relating to finalisation of the IS contract. Preparations are being made for the period following contract award, in particular developing material relating to supplier management arrangements and more detailed plans for supplier related activities.

CLG has instructed the RCC building developers in the first three Regions (East Midlands, South West and the North East) that the option for interim facilities management and security for the building will be taken up after Practical Completion which is expected in June 2007 for the East Midlands.

### **2. Regional Project Update – Regional Project Manager**

The Board of the East Midlands Fire & Rescue Control Centre Limited (EMFRCC) had a tour of the RCC on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, and afterwards visited the Highways Agency and the East Midlands Ambulance Service control centres. They were interested to see the layout of the new centre at the Highways Agency in particular and to gain an insight of how other regional control centres operate.

Planning work is underway for a series of RCC visits and information seminars for all East Midlands Control Room Staff. These will be taking place on 16 & 23 March and 20 & 26 April.

A new Regional FiReControl on-line communication tool – Unicorn - was received from CLG. This will allow the Regional and FRS Project Teams to share a library of project documents and will enable the reporting of progress on Project milestones and deliverables.

The FRS Coordinators all received Microsoft Project training so that they can update the FiReControl Project plan when it is received following IS contract award.

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# FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE



## 1. National Firelink Update

### **Implementation :**

The catalyst for launching into Phase A activity on a Regional Basis is the approval of Milestone 1 (MS1) which is a series of documents required for delivery from O2 Airwave. Although behind schedule, both Firelink and O2 Airwave have now reached agreement on issues preventing its acceptance. Recognising the changes required it is currently estimated that MS1 will be ready for Sign-Off in March 07. O2 Airwave have now committed to conduct a full review of the Master Schedule to reflect the delays to MS1 which will then deliver detailed start dates for all Regional Phase A activity.

### **Enabling Works: (*Small works required for solution implementation to FRS*)**

It has been agreed by O2 Airwave that these works will be carried out at their risk, if the details provided in the Enabling Works Initiation Document vary from the final requirements that are defined in the completed IDDS. The Enabling Works Initiation Documents will start to be released to FRS's in the coming weeks.

## 2. Regional Project Update

### **Due Diligence Visits: (*Full survey to define technical solution for FRS*)**

98% of the scheduled DDV & SS have been completed, and the East Midlands was completed by November 2006.

### **Fleetmapping Overview: (*Defines Regional, Mutual Aid & National Talkgroups*)**

14% (3 FRS's) have now completed the first day of the Regional Elements Fleetmapping Overview which was designed to raise the awareness within FRS's on Fleetmapping. This was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 07 for the East Midlands with the second part yet to be scheduled.

### **Individual Detailed Design Specification (IDDS): (*Solution design for FRS*)**

The three prototype IDDS's, for Avon, Tyne & Wear and Leicester are undergoing the 5th Review and it is expected that these will be completed by the end of February. All remaining IDDS's will not be released until MS1 is accepted.

### **First Line Maintenance (FLM) Workshops: (*Completion of Cost Benefit Analysis for FLM*)**

Each FRS are required to decide on the level of FLM they require 3 months prior to Phase B rollout commencing in their region. FRS's have requested the opportunity to conduct a Cost Benefit Analysis for provision of FLM either internally or with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Party supplier. 36% (4 FRS's) have completed the Regional FLM Model Overview & Workshop with the East Midlands scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> March 07.

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