

# EAST MIDLANDS FiReControl Project

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### 1. National CLG Project Update

**IS Contract** :The IS Contract was awarded on the 7<sup>th</sup> March to EADS. Details of the public announcement can be found on the FiReControl website. Contract signature is expected by early April.

**The subcontractors are :**

Name of Company	Service / Product Provided
Ericsson Ltd	Mobilisation & Resource Management System (MRMS) except GIS functions
Frequentis (UK) Ltd	Integrated Communications Control System (ICCS), Voice Recorder
Hewlett – Packard Ltd	Data storage equipment, Servers, PCs, printers, LAN, Data Migration
iMASS Ltd	GIS, Comms Gateway, Mobile Environment Software
Innogistic Software Plc	Risk Management Tool
Multitone Electronics Plc	Station End Equipment
Telent Plc	Site Installation, Field Maintenance, AV Systems

**Convergence & Business Process.** The final set of Convergence Outcomes was issued to Regions. Convergence Outcomes are the processes and procedures which all FRs must implement and then operate the same way to enable the RCC network to operate, one example is standard terminology for Incident types.

**People & Organisational Design.** Work continues on producing guidance documents to Regions on a number of areas such as Reasonableness Criteria for staff transfers to the RCC

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

**Control Room Information Seminar & RCC Visits** Two of the RCC visits and Information Seminars for all East Midlands Control Room Staff have taken place - these were on Friday 16 & Friday 23 March . Two further events will take place on 20 & 26 April.

The Information Seminars included presentations on project progress and an overview of the scope of the work to be undertaken at the RCC, an introduction to the law on TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings, Protection of Employment 2006), and one possible shift option that is being considered. There was also a open question and answer session for all staff which included control staff from each FRS within the Region.

**Station Manager Surveys** A survey of Station Managers (at least one wholetime and one retained station in each FRS) was completed. This was to assess current knowledge and understanding of the FiReControl Project. The returns have been analysed, and will be used to inform the content of Station Manager and crew briefing material.

**Local Authority Controlled Company Progress & Actions** The East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre Ltd Board agreed to delegate to the FiReControl Project Board responsibility for delivering the project on its behalf; and established a Project Committee comprised of Cllrs Darrell Pulk, Graham Marsh and Peter Roffey to oversee the progress of the project and to represent the Company's interests on the Project Board.

The second Board meeting took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March when officials from CLG were in attendance to discuss a range of issues. The Board is awaiting assurances on the interim funding and insurance arrangements before a decision is made as to whether or not to take the lease of the RCC building at practical completion at the end of June 2007.

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## **FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE**



### **1. National Firelink Update**

**Milestone 1 Achieved.** Firelink Milestone 1 was achieved on Friday 16 March. This marks the end of the Firelink Planning & Preparation Phase during which Airwave has produced a suite of 27 baseline contractual documents culminating in the overarching Detailed Design Specification (i.e. WHAT will be delivered) and National Rollout Schedule (i.e. WHEN it will be delivered). More significantly, the achievement of Milestone 1 marks the start of FRS participation in the rollout of Firelink.

**Planning & Preparation for Rollout.** Government Clients in England, Scotland and Wales, together with members of the Firelink Principal Users Group (PUG), were adamant that the Planning & Preparation Phase be used to ensure that Airwave lay a well documented foundation for their rollout of Firelink. Any delays that this process has involved have been largely offset by Airwave's willingness to start their Rollout Phase activity at their own risk. As a result, the rollout programme remains within a couple of months of the original forecast.

## **2. Regional Firelink Progress**

**The rollout process** - will take place progressively in three phases:

- a. **Phase A – Network Resilience: East Midlands June 06 – Nov 07**  
Airwave improve the capacity and resilience of the existing Airwave network throughout England, Scotland & Wales (already underway) and install interface equipment in existing FRS control rooms.
- b. **Phase B – Terminal Connection: East Midlands Aug 07 - June 08** Airwave fit radios in FRS vehicles and connect them to the network.
- c. **Phase C – Regional Control Centres:** Airwave connect FiReControl RCCs to the network as they are fitted out and activated by EADS (England only).

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