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Arqiva joins Government list of accredited public sector suppliers

- **Accredited supplier of radio communication solutions to government departments, emergency services and other public sector bodies**

Arqiva's Public Safety division today announced that it has been selected by the trading arm of the Office of Government Commerce, OGCbuying.solutions, to join a list of accredited suppliers for central government departments and the wider public sector.

The OGC's Framework Programme is designed to provide government departments, the emergency services, local councils and other public sector bodies with access to a list of accredited suppliers, therefore minimising the time and resources taken up in often lengthy procurement processes. By enabling the public sector to quickly and easily select the supplier that best suits their needs, the Framework Programme helps to meet the demand for efficiency and value for money in public sector commercial activities.

Arqiva's award falls under the Specialist Solutions Framework Agreement meaning that the Public Safety division will be able to offer fully managed, end-to-end radio communications and microwave service solutions to public sector organisations. Arqiva qualified for the Specialist Solutions Framework by meeting a series of stringent criteria, with the company's ability to provide end-to-end solutions to address specific Information and Communication Technology (ICT) objectives a key consideration. Value for money and the ability to offer the best balance of quality and whole-life cost of the project were also important factors in the award.

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Arqiva has a 50-year history in transmission and has helped pioneer the technologies of the digital age. The company has five operating divisions:

- **Terrestrial Media Solutions** – provides national transmission for UK commercial television including ITV, Channel 4, Five and associated digital multiplexes, playing a leading role in the run-up to digital switchover. Transmission services also provided to vast majority of UK independent radio stations, both analogue and digital.
- **Satellite Media Solutions** – provides high quality and flexible solutions to a diverse range of international customers. Includes permanent and occasional broadcast services as well as IP, voice, data and digital media networks. Operational bases in London, Gerrards Cross, Winchester, Feltham and Bedford.
- **Mobile Media Solutions** – new division dedicated to the delivery of content to handheld devices. Recent technology developments open up new service concepts and revenue streams for broadcasters, content providers and mobile operators alike. Arqiva is platform-neutral and has mounted pioneering technical and commercial trials with partners such as Microsoft, O2 and Nokia.
- **Wireless Solutions** – provides market-leading, multi-operator infrastructure systems and services to wireless telecoms, transport and interior public space businesses. This is done through a portfolio of over 2400 towers, masts and managed sites, plus InBuilding (indoor coverage) and CityCell (urban coverage) products
- **Public Safety** – provides frontline communications for the UK emergency services, government agencies and commercial organisations including design and installation, system maintenance and fully managed services for mobile radio, telecommunications and mobile data solutions.

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More on OGCbuying.solutions:

OGCbuying.solutions is the trading arm of the Office of Government Commerce (OGC), which is itself an office of HM Treasury. OGC was launched on 1 April 2000 as a result of a review of civil procurement in Central Government. Its aim is to achieve substantial value for money improvements in the Government's procurement budget and to oversee and implement the Government's wider Efficiency Review across the entire public sector. OGCbuying.solutions, launched in April 2001, provides public sector procurement professionals with a route to the products and services they need to maximise procurement efficiency and value for money. Its contracts and framework agreements offer substantial savings through significant buying power, economies of scale and strategic partnerships. Once again, these savings are counted towards the Efficiency Review target. Rigorous tendering and evaluation processes ensure that products and services are checked for quality, price competitiveness, fitness for purpose and compliance with statutory requirements. These products and services are available through OGCbuying.solutions Catalist framework agreements and Managed Services.

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