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Arqiva gets on board with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

- **Partnership agreement with Glasgow Subway system owner**
- **Deployment of combined cellular and WiFi network**
- **Migration of existing services onto new network**

Arqiva today announced a contract with Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), Scotland's biggest regional transport partnership. The contract will see Arqiva's Wireless Solutions division design and deploy a combined cellular and WiFi network across 15 Glasgow Subway stations. Deployment of the network will begin later this month, with initial testing at Buchanan Street Subway station.

The new network will enable customers to use the Internet and mobile phones when at these stations, and provide public access to WiFi services. SPT is the owner and operator of Glasgow's unique Subway system. The organisation is undertaking a programme of Subway modernisation and efficiencies. It also sees great potential in WiFi technology to migrate some of its existing applications and services onto the network such as ticketing and CCTV.

Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, commented: "This is a real milestone for SPT as the state-of-the-art technology employed will realise our ambition of continuous improvement to services on the Subway. Accessibility and connectivity are vital in today's fast moving technology environment and I'm delighted that SPT has enabled Glasgow to set the standard of being the first city to provide both 2G & 3G phone and WiFi coverage on the subway. The new network should also reassure our customers that we are regularly responding to changing passenger needs. Any application which enhances passenger safety and delivers better services is high on our agenda."

Howard Williams, Business Development Manager for Arqiva's Wireless Solutions division, added: "As the UK moves closer to wirelessly-enabled areas, the benefits that wireless networks can provide are being recognised and cities need to capitalise on this. In its

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entirety the network is not just about meeting the needs of the general public; it is also about generating cost savings and efficiencies for the organisation and its counterparts.”

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About Arqiva

Arqiva operates at the heart of the broadcast and mobile communications industry and is at the forefront of network solutions and services in an increasingly digital world. The company provides much of the infrastructure behind television, radio and wireless communications in the UK and has a growing presence in Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA.

For broadcasters, media companies and corporate enterprises Arqiva has end-to-end capability ranging from outside broadcasts, satellite newsgathering, studios, playout, satellite distribution and terrestrial transmission, the latter including digital switch over and mobile TV development.

In the communications sector the company supports cellular, wireless broadband, video, voice and data solutions for the mobile phone, public safety, public sector, public space and transport markets.

Arqiva has its headquarters in Hampshire, with other major UK offices in London, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire. It now has ten international satellite teleports, over 60 other manned locations, and around 3500 shared radio sites throughout the UK and Ireland including masts, towers and rooftops from under 30 to over 300 metres tall.

The company is owned by a consortium of investors led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group and has five operating divisions: Terrestrial Media Solutions, Satellite Media Solutions, Mobile Media Solutions, Wireless Solutions and Public Safety.

Major customers include ITV, Channel 4, Five, the BBC, BSkyB, Classic FM, the five UK mobile operators, the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police.

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About SPT

SPT joins up journeys for 2.1 million people living in west central Scotland. It is the largest of Scotland's seven regional transport partnerships. The organisation plans and delivers transport solutions for all modes of transport.

A key objective is integrated public transport journeys by road, rail, ferry, bike and on foot. This includes providing rural areas with access to public transport links through demand responsive transport and SPT organises Scotland's biggest school run.

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