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Siemens secures long-term contracts in Dorset

Poole-based Siemens has retained a significant contract in Dorset for the maintenance of all related traffic control equipment and traffic information systems for a period of 10 years. In addition, Bournemouth Borough Council, the Borough of Poole and Dorset County Council have awarded a 5 year contract to the locally-based company for the supply of traffic signal controllers, equipment and street furniture. Won by competitive tender, the maintenance contract will run to 2020 and supply contracts to 2015.

According to Matthew Williams, Network Traffic Control Manager, Dorset County Council, the new contracts are based on the principles of 'best value' and will have significance for local employment. 'Working closely with a reputable local organisation with such a considerable wealth of traffic experience and technology expertise, the Boroughs and County can achieve greater efficiency and improved performance', he said.

As part of the contracts, Siemens will maintain traffic signals, variable message signs, car park guidance signs, warning signs, CCTV cameras and outstation transmission units for the operation of urban traffic control and network data gathering. With roadside equipment at a total of 188 junctions and 290 pedestrian crossings, the contract includes enhanced fault monitoring to all sites and includes connecting Dorset's Fault Management Systems to the PDA-based Mobile Data solution used by Siemens.

Martin Baker, Traffic Signal Team Leader, Borough of Poole, said: 'We welcome the chance to continue our close working relationship with a major local employer. Being right on our doorstep, Siemens offered us a truly sustainable and economically viable solution to the maintenance of our signals, which are vital to keeping the local economy on the move.'

In addition to over 450 traffic signalised junctions and pedestrian or pedestrian/cycle crossings, the main inventory for the three authorities includes 38 variable message signs, 61 vehicle activated signs, 31 ANPR cameras and 77 school crossings together with other similar traffic control equipment.

Martin Dover, Team Leader for Traffic Control and Information Systems at Bournemouth Borough Council said, 'Having a ten year contract for the maintenance of our traffic control equipment will allow the authorities and contractor to enjoy significant long-term efficiency savings. Siemens experience in providing both maintenance and equipment within this specialist market will also result in continuity of service and best value for our chargepayers'.

Drawing on the company's high standards of quality and service excellence, the authorities are convinced the arrangement offers not only value for money for local people but also will provide a quality signals service, so important when it is expected to be working closely with a company for a considerable number of years. As a result, residents and visitors to Bournemouth and Poole can expect to benefit from more reliable traffic information and a safer, more efficient highway network.

According to Mick Murphy, the company's Field Services Director, working closely with customers to understand the local needs is at the heart of the company's traffic products, systems and service. 'With local government spending cuts, it's increasingly important to provide the most competitive service and best performance that truly meets the demands and expectations of our customers,' he said.

Routine and emergency maintenance is available around the clock, every day of the year, from over 350 skilled service engineers deployed from 22 regional offices throughout the UK. With response times tailored to customer needs, typical responsibilities include comprehensive emergency repair services, preventative maintenance, periodic inspections, electrical testing and inspection as well as the management of any necessary civil engineering out on the street.

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