

NSSL awarded prestigious MoD communications contract until 2020

London, September 2007: NSSL, the international satellite communications provider, has been awarded the extension of a major contract to become the sole provider of commercial satcoms for the British Ministry of Defence (MoD). The contract is expected to last until 2020 and reflects the existing good relationship enjoyed between the Ministry of Defence and NSSL.

The value of the contract is in excess of £200m and will involve NSSL supplying handsets, DVB-RCS2 services, BGAN (Broadband Global Area Network) and integration assistance to MoD officials around the world. The equipment will be used by MoD officials for support and commercial purposes as well as battlefield communications. The contract will save the MoD money as it provides for efficient economies of scale, which means funds can be assigned elsewhere.

MoD spokesperson Major Adrian Spicer said: "It is vital that MoD personnel can rely on competent and secure communications wherever they might be in the world. NSSL has worked with the MoD for a number of years and we have always been delighted by the high quality of customer service and technical support. We are looking forward to working with NSSL for the foreseeable future."

Commenting on the contract win, Bob Chewter, Managing Director of NSSL said: "NSSL has always had an extremely good relationship with the MoD. Indeed, we have been providing them with equipment for over 20 years now. That doesn't take away the significance of this contract win for us, especially at a time when remote communications are ever more vital to the British military, and we look forward to providing an excellent level of customer support."

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