

**RESILIENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME:  
PROGRAMME UPDATE  
February 2008**

**Summary**

This document provides an update on the current status and progress of the Resilient Telecommunications Programme that has been established to implement the Resilient Telecommunications Policy.

**Background**

**1. Privileged Access Schemes Project:** This project comprises four separate workstreams:

**2.1 Mobile Telecommunications Privileged Access Scheme (MTPAS).** The establishment of Telecommunications Sub-Groups (TSGs) at LRF level are central to this scheme. The activation arrangements for the ACCOLC feature at the heart of the scheme have been agreed between CCS and ACPO. It has also been agreed and tested between CCS and the network service providers. The management of the scheme is being migrated from Central Sponsor for Information Assurance (CSIA) to CCS.

**2.2 Satellite Catalogue Scheme.** There has been a good uptake of the scheme by those organisations entitled to CCS funding and, while there are some regions where uptake has been slower, the equipment supplier (AST) will target these from 1<sup>st</sup> February. From the three systems on offer in the catalogue, there has been a very high take-up of the Inmarsat system. Inmarsat are running a training day for the TSG Chairs in London on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**2.3 Fixed Telecommunications Privileged Access Scheme (FTPAS).** The project is aligned closely with the rollout of BT's Next Generation Networks Programme, scheduled to complete 2011/2012. The plan for this scheme is that the existing Government Telecommunications Preference Scheme (GTPS) will continue to be available until such time as Next Generation Networks are rolled out across the UK.

**2.4 Management of the Airwave Sharers List.** CCS is working closely with Ofcom, BERR and Airwave Solutions Ltd to align entitlement of the service for Sharers with the Civil Contingencies Act (2004).

**3. High Integrity Telecommunications System Project:** A study and system proposal has been undertaken by MOD (Defence Equipment and Support) in order to define the potential solution. Solution testing will be undertaken by the potential suppliers, BT and Paradigm (Skynet), in April 2008 and demonstrated to CCS. It is envisaged that, subject to the success of the testing and demonstration, a contract agreement will follow. Sites are being identified for a pilot estimated to start in Quarter 4, 2008, and it is envisaged that a phased rollout of the solution to the designated sites will commence in Quarter 1, 2009. Initial planning aims to have the system installed at all selected sites by Quarter 2, 2010, but this is subject to the ability of the suppliers to resource the draft plan.

**4. National Resilience Extranet:** An Invitation to Tender was published at the beginning of December 2007 in the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) Catalyst, followed by an open Question and Answer session held at CCS for potential bidders. Deadline for responses was 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008. Evaluation of responses will be undertaken throughout February 2008. If there looks like being an acceptable and affordable proposal, it is hoped that a solution will be available for pilot by Quarter 4, 2008.

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