

## **The National Roads Telecommunications Services Project - the right communications for the modern roads operator**

### **Aims**



- To develop a national telecommunications network capable of providing high capacity communications services between roadside traffic control equipment and control centres operated by the police and Highways Agency.
- To provide a management service for accessing aerial sites on Highways Agency land and structures.
- To make effective use of the Highways Agency's assets and the spare capacity of its cable network, with opportunities for a private sector partner to develop commercial telecommunications services.

### **What it means for motorists**

- The electronic motorway of the future requires telecommunications services. This project will deliver those services and therefore bring about early delivery of the smart roads.
- The project will create opportunities for the private sector to develop 'in-vehicle' information services such as:
  - Enhanced traffic management information
  - Advice and safety information
  - Fleet management and other value added services
- Revenue from the development of commercial services will offset the cost of delivering the Highways Agency's own needs therefore benefiting taxpayers.

### **Main features**

- It is expected that the project will be delivered as a Public Private Partnership (PPP).
- An industry conference to present details of the project, set out the project timetable and invite feedback will be held in Autumn 2000.
- Private companies and consortia will be invited to submit documents to pre-qualify for the tender process following the industry conference.
- The target date for the award of the contract is Autumn 2002.

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