

RM appointed preferred bidder for Lambeth Council Building Schools for the Future ICT Contract

RM has been appointed by the London Borough of Lambeth as preferred bidder for the Authority's Building Schools for the Future (BSF) ICT contract. Lambeth Council's BSF programme will initially cover five schools, serving approximately 2,600 pupils.

RM already has a successful partnership with Lambeth Council through the Lambeth Connected Learning Project, which the Group has been delivering since February 2005. The Lambeth BSF contract builds on this success and will provide a managed ICT service, including RM's innovative Kaleidos learning platform software, for the five schools involved.

Commenting on the contract, Tim Pearson, CEO of RM, said:

"The Lambeth Connected Learning Project is already delivering innovative ICT services for many schools in Lambeth. Our selection as preferred bidder for Lambeth's BSF programme is a clear demonstration that the work we've put in to deliver high levels of customer satisfaction with the existing project is being recognised."

Phyllis Dunipace, Executive Director of Lambeth Council, said:

"ICT is central to our BSF programme. We recognise that technology will be instrumental in transforming secondary education in Lambeth to deliver our vision. We already have a successful relationship with RM and we are delighted to have them as preferred partner for BSF. We have worked hard with RM and Partnerships for Schools to ensure educational and technical excellence as well as value for money can be achieved."

Tim Byles, Chief Executive of Partnerships for Schools, said:

"I would like to congratulate RM on being appointed preferred ICT bidder for Lambeth's BSF programme. We look forward to working with them, Lambeth and their chosen construction partner to deliver transformational learning environments to the pupils of Lambeth."

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The RM Group is a leading provider of educational products and services to schools, colleges and universities, local government and central government education departments and agencies. Founded in 1973, RM works closely with educationalists to use new products, processes and technology to improve teaching and learning and is recognised as a leading innovator in the educational information and communications technology (ICT) arena.

RM has been selected as preferred bidder for Lambeth Council's BSF ICT contract following an extensive evaluation to ensure best value.

This is the fifth BSF project RM has won. RM announced in February 2006 that it had signed the first BSF ICT contract to be awarded, a £6.4 million contract with Solihull Council; the Group was appointed preferred bidder by Stoke-on-Trent City Council in September, and by Leeds City Council and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council in November 2006.

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is a £45 billion Department for Education and Skills initiative that will rebuild or substantially refurbish all English secondary schools over the next 10-15 years. A key part of the initiative is to ensure that schools develop a sustainable ICT strategy focused on improving teaching and learning. £1,450 per pupil (over five years) is ring-fenced for the delivery of managed ICT services in BSF schools. Partnerships for Schools is the government agency responsible for delivering the BSF programme.