

Customer Case Study

Sector: Defense, Government

Solutions: Major Project, PPP

Products: AKnowledge

Royal School of Military Engineering

World renowned military engineering school
providing training for the British Army's Royal Engineers

£3 billion public private partnership manages documentation with Affinixtext

Overview

The UK Ministry of Defence has embarked on a 30 year Public Private Partnership (PPP) to deliver training, support services and new accommodation and infrastructure at the Royal School of Military Engineering in the United Kingdom.

The UK Ministry of Defence awarded the £3bn PPP to Holdfast Training Services, a Babcock and Carillion consortium. Affinixtext was identified as the best way to manage the contract and associated change processes in a complex and demanding partnering relationship.

Challenge

The Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) provides training in leadership and management, infrastructure engineering and battlefield engineering for the UK Army's Royal Engineers and has an international reputation as the leading military engineering school in Europe.

With government and the private sector working together to deliver these objectives the partnership brings efficiencies and management challenges. The number of stakeholders in a PPP is considerable and the contractual agreements alone are extensive and complex. Add to this the need for transparent information access on public projects, stringent audit requirements, project timescales spanning decades, and ongoing personnel changes. The need to quickly find and understand information in volumes of PPP documentation is critical.



“Affinixtext offers the joint team managing the PPP the ability to instantly reference and search the contract documents. In the short time we have had Affinixtext it has proven its worth and its utility will only increase as the management team changes throughout the duration of the contract.”

Col. Steven Boyd CMTL – RSME CMT and Tim Redfern
Managing Director Holdfast Training Services Limited.

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The Affinixtext solution and ongoing benefits

Solution

The RSME Project will result in a Public Private Partnership valued at approximately £300M capital spend and £2.7Bn revenue spend over a 30 year period. The contract will deliver:

- Training and training support, including hard facilities management and soft services.
- Construction of new buildings and refurbishment of existing structures for the RSME.
- The relocation of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) and search training from the Medway Towns in Kent to Bicester in Oxfordshire.

Affinixtext has enabled the Public Private Partnership to transform critical PPP documents into intelligent online resources accessible 24/7 by both public and private stakeholders.

This dynamic library provides “facts at your fingertips” to PPP stakeholders now and over the full life of the partnership to improve decision making, governance, and audit. This intelligent online format makes it easy to find and understand vital project information with:

- Customizable online document libraries
- Intuitive onscreen navigation
- Powerful search and interrogation
- Easy annotations on-the-fly which stakeholders can choose to share with other stakeholders or restrict viewing to within their own organisation

- Pop-up definitions at the point of relevance
- Integration of related information with intelligent linking across and between documents
- Ongoing capture of new project knowledge

Ongoing benefits

The RSME PPP Project is a 30 year partnering arrangement with Holdfast Training Services. It will involve direct delivery and support of training to Royal Engineers, rationalisation of the RSME estate and significant new build and refurbishment of the existing soldier accommodation.

Benefits to the UK Ministry of Defence include the transfer of military posts from a training establishment to front-line units, increase in the proportion of soldiers under training, improved living and working conditions for trainees and staff and a reduced training estate with lower running costs.

The intelligent information access that the Affinixtext project library provides will help Holdfast and the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) to jointly ensure that the training delivered by the RSME public private partnership remains cutting-edge, relevant and validated over the life of the 30 year project regardless of periodic gradual changes in project personnel.

The PPP will deliver trained Royal Engineers capable of meeting the challenges of the 21st Century.

The capabilities that Affinixtext delivers will support the management team responsible for delivery of this complex project now and into the future.

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