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## **EASTERN CONTRACTING WINS £5M COLCHESTER GARRISON CONTRACT**

**Eastern Contracting has won the second phase of an electrical infrastructure contract at Colchester Garrison worth almost five million pounds. The work is part of the £2 billion Colchester Garrison Redevelopment - one of the UK's largest PFI (Private Finance Initiative) projects to date.**

Colchester has a military history dating back to Roman Times. Today the garrison is the base of the 16 Air Assault Brigade, which includes 2 and 3 Para Battalions; major components of the UK's rapid deployment force.

In 2004, the Ministry of Defence employed RMPA Services Plc, a consortium made up of Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd, HSBC Infrastructure, Atkins and Sodexo UK, to carry out a 35-year PFI contract aimed at modernising the garrison. The modernisation involves the two-phase construction of a new garrison facility, refurbishment of the existing buildings and demolition of redundant garrison buildings. Once completed in 2008, it will provide living and working accommodation for more than 3,500 army personnel and around 700 civilian staff.

Phase One of Eastern Contracting's work - the provision of the gas, water and electricity infrastructure - was carried out in 2005. Phase Two has been separated into electrical and mechanical packages, with Eastern Contracting doing the electrical infrastructure.

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Eastern Contracting's Colchester office will work on behalf of Sir Robert McAlpine to complete the work, which will include the construction of three 11kV substations, an upgrade to the high voltage (HV) and low voltage (LV) networks, the installation of almost 600 street lights and 400 bollards and all the civil works associated with the project.

Work on the contract began this month and is scheduled for completion by February 2008. The office is also currently in negotiation to secure the Phase Two mechanical package.

Phil Heap, district contracts manager at Eastern Contracting's Colchester office, said: "This is a very significant contract for Eastern Contracting. It is particularly encouraging to have been awarded the second phase of construction work as it demonstrates the success of our work of Phase One."

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**Notes for editors:**

1. Eastern Contracting is the local business of Southern Electric Contracting (SEC) in East Anglia. The business offers a full range of mechanical and electrical contracting services to including the installation of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, high voltage, electrical and instrumentation, street lighting, electrical inspection and test, and data communications. Its clients include Tesco, Port of Tilbury London Ltd, Mid-Essex Health Partnerships and Thurrock Council.

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