

PPP DATA SHEET

THE MORAY COUNCIL INTEGRATED EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Background

As a result of a comprehensive review of schools' IT and ICT needs, Moray Council concluded that appropriate provision could not be achieved by conventional funding routes. For this reason, the Council followed the PFI path and entered into a public private partnership with ICL Education Systems.

The key focus of the PFI is to provide pupils in Moray with the opportunity to maximise the benefits from ICT within their educational experience and at the same time equip them for their role in tomorrow's workplace.

The total PFI package for the Integrated Education Management System, whilst wide-ranging in its provision, centres on the critical role of the new information and communication technologies in enhancing and enriching teaching and learning, removing barriers to learning and, ultimately, in helping raise educational standards.

Major Features

Within the Integrated Education Management System there is provision for:

- All Primary and Secondary Schools in Moray are equipped with ICT systems which enable schools to directly connect to the Government's

National Grid for Learning;

- Every pupil has an e-mail address thus meeting the Government's target for 2002;
- Controlled and monitored access to the Internet;
- An Integration Education Team – a specialist team providing Secondary and Primary Schools with support in integrating the technology into the curriculum;
- Curriculum integration packages available on the network;
- All schools are equipped for Internet based video-conferencing thus opening opportunities for Distance Learning;
- All schools equipped with a new digital telephone switchboard;
- Significant enhancement of school security in the form of security cameras linked to computer systems;
- All schools linked to the Phoenix First Management Information System;
- Enhanced access to the central Financial Management System which is being increasingly customised to the needs of DSM;
- A full helpdesk service and network management support.

Benefits

For the Authority:

- A comprehensive package of ICT services for schools facilitating enhanced delivery of the curriculum, security, finance support systems, communications and management information systems all of

which meet Government targets;

- A high specification of managed services providing uninterrupted provision for schools;
- Service level agreements resulting in financial penalties for the provider in the event of inadequate service;
- Significant risk transfer to the private sector;
- Guaranteed ICT refresh built into the contract.

For ICL:

- Provision of major systems to Moray Council;
- Provision of a broader base for ICL to develop further business opportunities in the North of Scotland;
- An opportunity for ICL to demonstrate its capabilities in implementing the National Grid for Learning;
- An ability to share in revenues generated from any joint ventures developed on the basis of the assets.

Facts

Sponsor – The Moray Council
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Contractor – ICL Education Systems

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Capital Value - £12.5m

Contract Length – 7 years

Consultants – Eversheds, Leeds

Status-Operational