

## LLWR awards 4 year contract to Cumbrian company

LLW Repository Ltd (LLWR) have awarded a four year Project Controls contract to Prima Uno, the specialist project controls, risk, programme and project management consultancy based in Cumbria.

Prima Uno have worked on the LLWR Portfolio for five years and have been awarded the first contract issued by LLWR to provide Project Controls (Planning, Cost Management, Risk Management and Analysis, Change Management, Earned Value Management (EVM), upskilling and skill transfer) under the new Business and Technical Services (BATS) Marketplace.

LLWR has established BATS Marketplace, on behalf of the NDA group, to deliver professional services across 13 business categories.

Four years ago Prima Uno was the first organisation to be awarded a contract under LLWR's Dynamic Purchasing System known as Business Services Marketplace, now replaced by BATS Marketplace, which offers a simple and efficient procurement route for both buyers and suppliers.

Georgina Wilson, Head of Project Controls at LLWR, said: "I am delighted that we are able to continue our successful collaboration with Prima Uno and maintain the provision of an exceptional project controls service across the LLWR organisation."

Sarah Purdham, Managing Director of Prima Uno, said: "Winning this contract means so much to me and the people of Prima Uno. We can continue our relationship with LLWR on a journey to deliver its long term goal and mission.

"We want to improve our current service and continue to deliver an exceptional service. We have been given another chance to make a difference.

"We have an exceptional relationship with LLWR and have always been a fully integrated team. Our demonstrable experience helping blue chip clients achieve sector leading performance puts us in a wonderful position to deliver value to LLWR.

"Through our programme delivery and performance improvement approaches we support clients to achieve increased levels of efficiency, cost savings, assurance and predictability to contribute to our client's goals and targets."

In addition to its Cumbrian head office, Prima Uno has offices in Warrington and in Hanover Square, Westminster.

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## **UKHO response to COVID-19**

In line with the UK government's recommendations and advice on containing the outbreak of COVID-19, we would like to reassure our customers, distributors, and wider stakeholders that UKHO is working hard to minimise disruption to products and services.

We have a comprehensive business continuity plan in place, which will allow our staff to continue to deliver and we will be enacting these measures in line with government advice.

Restricting the spread of COVID-19 is an issue we take extremely seriously. Through our dedicated UKHO COVID-19 working group, we are continuing to monitor the situation and will implement the latest advice from the UK government and the NHS.

We have stopped all travel to affected areas, in line with the latest guidelines received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and we will continue to review our travel activities accordingly.

Our priority is to continue to meet our key safety and defence obligations and fully support our customers and distributors.

We are keeping our distributors fully informed of any developments. If you are user of ADMIRALTY Maritime Data Solutions and have a query or concern, please contact your ADMIRALTY Distributor in the first instance.

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## **South Sudanese Government Forms Cabinet: Troika Statement**

The Troika welcomes the formation of the Executive of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity, with all ministerial portfolios now allocated between the parties to the agreement. We welcome the appointment of women as key Cabinet ministers while encouraging the government to take all necessary measures to allocate at least 35 percent of positions in the Executive to women as outlined in the peace agreement. Expectations from the people of South Sudan are high, and the way forward fraught with challenges.

To succeed, the unity government and other stakeholders can work together to ensure their deeds and words inspire collaboration and trust. Leadership working together, genuinely united, can put their country firmly on the path

towards peace and prosperity. They face an early and unprecedented challenge presented by the COVID-19 global pandemic, which will require a quick and decisive response, in coordination with international partners.

The Troika looks forward to working in close partnership with a genuinely united government as it establishes its priorities and starts to develop plans to deliver the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan in full. This will require a sustained focus on building unified security forces, ensuring transparency and ending corruption, establishing political space and democratic institutions, respecting human rights, and implementing transitional justice mechanisms. To this end, we welcome the renewal of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS); it will have a key role to play in this critical phase. The people of South Sudan have waited a long time for peace to come and to have a government that puts their needs first; the country's political leaders owe it to them to ensure that their wait has not been in vain.

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## **Further information**

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# **[Regulators urge safe giving to charities as communities respond to Coronavirus pandemic](#)**

The Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator today urged people to 'give safely' as people continue to respond with generosity in the current crisis.

At this time of national emergency charities are coming together to support people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is vital at this unprecedented time of need that donations reach their intended cause. Charities will form a core part of our collective response to the pandemic, so we encourage people to give to existing registered charities. By giving to a registered, regulated charity, the public can have assurance that their funds will be accounted for in line with the charity law framework.

The regulators encourage people to support registered charities, including the National Emergencies Trust (NET) national coronavirus fundraising appeal, launched yesterday to raise funds for local charities responding to the pandemic. The Commission helped to establish the NET following other devastating disasters, and it is well equipped to coordinate the charity sector's contribution to emergency response.

Thousands of other registered charities are also dealing with the pandemic or continuing to do important work throughout the country to support vulnerable people and communities.

Advice for the public on giving safely to registered charities is:

- check the charity's name and registration number at [gov.uk/checkcharity](https://www.gov.uk/checkcharity) most charities with an annual income of £5,000 or more must be registered
- make sure the charity is genuine before giving any financial information
- be careful when responding to emails or clicking on links within them
- contact or find out more online about the charity that you're seeking to donate to or work with to find out more about their spending

**Baroness Tina Stowell, Chair of the Charity Commission said:**

British people have a proud tradition of charitable giving and generosity, and this pandemic is already giving rise to that spirit of charity and community that brings people together. We want to ensure that people do so safely and in the most effective way possible so that people in need get help. We especially encourage everyone wanting to donate money to follow our simple steps to check that they are donating to a registered charity. And we particularly urge people to consider a donation to the National Emergencies Trust campaign which is able to rapidly direct funds to frontline charities dealing with people's urgent needs during this crisis.

**Lord Toby Harris, Chair of the Fundraising Regulator, said:**

Charities are a lifeline to many local communities and play a vital role in supporting people across the UK, particularly at a time of national crisis. In what is the most significant public health emergency in generations, we encourage the public to continue to give generously to charity throughout these difficult times. Unfortunately we have heard of some individuals who have used the uncertainty that surrounds the Coronavirus outbreak as a means of defrauding the public. A small number of people have posed as fundraisers who are carrying out door-to-door collections and street fundraising on behalf of fake charities, some are even offering to sell dubious Covid-19 testing kits. Please do not give to these individuals.

We urge the public to think carefully before they donate to charity, and only do so if they can be sure their funds will go to a legitimate organisation. For more helpful advice on giving to charity safely, please read the [Fundraising Regulator's guidance](#).

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## Notes to editors:

1. Further tips on [giving safely to registered charities](#) is available on GOV.UK
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# Chancellor hosts business groups and the unions roundtable

The Chancellor of the Exchequer this afternoon hosted a roundtable with representatives of business groups and the unions. In attendance were: Frances O'Grady (TUC), Carolyn Fairbairn (CBI), Adam Marshall (BCC) and Mike Cherry (FSB).

As outlined in the Chancellor's statement of 17 March, urgent work is underway to announce further measures to support individuals facing financial difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 situation. Today's meeting follows extensive discussions over the past two days.

The Government has already announced expansions in eligibility for welfare support and a hardship fund to support the most vulnerable, as well as support to businesses to help with cashflow and paying wage bills.

All participants agreed on the need to go further and to do so quickly, and on the need for all social partners and the Government to work together to find a workable and sustainable set of solutions that protect people's jobs.

The TUC and business groups shared their assessment of the pressures facing workers, businesses and the self-employed, and their views on possible solutions, and the Chancellor outlined the Government's approach.

Further details will be confirmed in the coming days.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak said:

We are working round the clock to deliver further support to individuals and families whose jobs and incomes will be affected by COVID-19 – and to do so urgently. We are in this together, and will all have to play our part which is why today's meeting was so important.

Frances O'Grady, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said:

The TUC and unions stand ready to work with government and employers to protect jobs and livelihoods across the UK. As well as

providing emergency support to business, it is essential that money goes into workers' pockets now. We must do whatever it takes to stop businesses going to the wall and workers being plunged into poverty.

Carolyn Fairbairn, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said:

Firms will do all they can to help employees through these unprecedented times. But the exponential growth of the economic impact requires an urgent, bold new approach to protect pay and livelihoods. The Chancellor's commitment to go further, at speed is right – together we must deliver it within days, not weeks.

Adam Marshall, Director-General of the British Chambers of Commerce, said:

Businesses are facing urgent and difficult decisions as they meet the challenges posed by Coronavirus. With insight from business communities across the UK, we are advising government on the immediate financial support firms on the ground need to continue their operations and protect people's livelihoods.

Mike Cherry, National Chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses, said:

It's vital that money is available on the front-line now. We have seen an escalation in the health response; now it is right for there to be an escalation in the economic response and FSB is working constructively with the government to secure as much support as possible for the UK's 5.8 million small businesses and the self-employed. We need to save people's livelihoods, to protect jobs, communities and the economy.

### **Further information**

- Pictures can be found on [our Flickr](#).
- The Chancellor's statement on COVID-19 of 17 March is available [here](#).