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SEA TO LEAD INTEGRATION RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT FOR MOD

Enhanced and intelligent personal area network system will be used to support soldiers in the field

SEA, the UK's defence systems and integration specialist, is leading the physical and technical software integration of soldier personal area networks with the British Army's current body armour and load carrying systems, as part of the Ministry of Defence's (MoD) research and development.

On behalf of the Soldier, Training and Special Projects team from the MoD's Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) agency, SEA will be delivering the experimental capability to the MoD's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for experimentation.

Under the contract, SEA will work alongside Blacktree Technology Limited, BAE Technology, Black Diamond Advanced Technology and Ultra Electronics to deliver a truly integrated solution to demonstrate how armed services professionals may benefit from a seamless communication experience.

Steve Hill, Managing Director of SEA, said "This project is a clear demonstration of SEA's excellence and expertise in the research and development of integrated solutions for the Ministry of Defence.

"Following a competitive bidding process, we are delighted to be leading on this project and are looking forward to working alongside industry partners as well as our sister company, Marlborough Communications Ltd (MCL), to deliver a solution that can take soldiers' personal area networks in a new and revolutionary direction."

Incorporating three different systems, the integrated solution will allow for seamless communication between devices and enhance the performance of the system by, for example, extending battery life. The intelligent personal area network will make communication simpler and easier for soldiers in the field, while producing a more standardised system.

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