

The National Archives awards Gazettes publishing contract

The National Archives has awarded a five year concessionary contract to TSO (The Stationery Office), part of the Williams Lea Group, to publish the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes online and in print.

The new contract takes effect on 1 January 2013 and offers significant savings and benefits to the public sector.

The London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes are the official journals of record of government. They contain statutory information, notices and advertisements setting out the business of government and putting it permanently on the public record.

Negotiations for the new contract focused on providing a complete service more attuned to the digital era and the online use of data. TSO was successful in securing the contract following a robust and competitive procurement process. Its bid was judged to offer the best value for money for government as well as significant improvements to service delivery and a strong commitment to developing the business.

Carol Tullo, Director of Information Policy at The National Archives, said:

“The Gazettes offer a unique source of data about the business of government and the public sector. Securing this important resource so that it can be reused and remains permanently available to users is what differentiates official publishing. This new contract understands the ways customers and government use this rich seam of data in an online world and we are excited about the potential to shape the new services”.

Marco Pierleoni, CEO of TSO and Williams Lea for public sector clients said:

“We are delighted to continue working with The National Archives to transform the Gazettes’ service. Using the latest publishing technology we are creating new ways for citizens, government and businesses to publish, access and use important information.

Development is now under way and we look forward to launching the first of the new services in spring 2013.”

The contract will deliver an improved service to reflect the Government’s open data and transparency agendas and to meet the demands of web era publishing. The Gazettes’ services will continue to deliver trusted information that supports legal and business processes across the UK. Under the new contract the information in the Gazettes will be more widely available for re-use in order to maximise the benefit to the UK economy.

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Notes to Editors:

The [London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes](#) are the official journals of record in which official and statutory notices are published. In addition, a number of specialist supplements provide information from appointment of officers in the armed forces through to unclaimed premium bond prizes and the Queen’s Honours. The London Gazette has been continuously published since 1665, making it one of the oldest surviving newspapers in the English language. The London Gazette is published daily, the Edinburgh Gazette twice a week and the Belfast Gazette weekly.

Following a robust re-tendering process TSO secured a new five-year contract to deliver the Gazettes, with an option to extend for two 12-month periods. Under the terms of the new contract, public sector organisations will no longer pay for notices which are required by law, providing they are submitted electronically. State notices such as the New Years Honours and the Queen’s Birthday Honours will also be free of charge.

About The National Archives

For the record, for good...The National Archives is a government department and an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). As the official archive of the UK government and England and Wales, we look after and make available to the public a collection of historical records dating back over 1,000 years, including records as diverse as Domesday Book and MI5 files.

Our 21st-century role is to collect and secure the future of the record, both digital and physical, to preserve it for generations to come, and to make it as accessible as possible. We do this by devising technological solutions to ensure the long-term survival of public records and working to widen access to our collection. The National Archives also advises on information management across government, publishes all UK legislation, manages Crown copyright and leads the archive sector. We work to promote and improve access to public sector information and its re-use.

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About TSO

TSO (The Stationery Office) is the leading provider of digital content, web and publishing solutions to the public sector. We are also one of the largest publishers by volume in the UK, publishing more than 9,000 titles a year in digital and print formats. We help public sector organisations to create, manage and disseminate content and information more effectively and enable users of government information to access it in the formats that they want. TSO was

acquired in 2007 by Williams Lea, the leading global provider of Corporate Information Solutions. For more information visit www.tso.co.uk

About Williams Lea

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The Group also encompasses subsidiaries Tag, an international provider of marketing execution and production services, and TSO, the leading provider of publishing solutions to the public sector.

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