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Atkins appointed to marine framework

Scottish Water has appointed engineering design consultancy Atkins to its marine survey services framework.

The framework, which is worth up to £5 million and runs initially for two years with scope to be extended to eight, has been developed as part of Scottish Water's efforts to address changes in legislation, including the Water Framework Directive. It has been designed to support water quality investigations across Scotland, including coastal, estuarial and inland waters - such as lochs - so that EU targets to protect, enhance, and restore bodies of water by 2015 will be met.

Atkins will be involved in a range of contracts under the framework, from overseeing water quality studies to the building of hydrodynamic models to assess the impact of discharges from Scottish Water assets on bacterial and sedimentation levels in water bodies across the region.

"Scotland has a reputation for having a high quality water environment and Scottish Water's marine survey services framework will play a key role in maintaining this reputation," said Ian Heijne, Director of Rivers and Coastal at Atkins. "We are delighted to be appointed to this framework, which will give us opportunities to draw on our water quality and modelling expertise to manage and continue to improve water quality in Scotland. Atkins has a wealth of experience in water quality management across the UK and we have excellent knowledge of the issues specific to Scotland through our ongoing work with Marine Scotland."

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Notes to editors:

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Recent projects include:

- Major infrastructure works, such as the design and programme management of the civil works for the Dubai Metro red and green lines;
- High profile transport planning and urban design – our innovative scheme to deliver a diagonal crossing at London's Oxford Circus has helped tackle the problem of pedestrian crowding;

- Key rail projects – providing architectural and engineering design services on London’s Crossrail, Europe’s biggest civil engineering project, and designing stations, tunnelling and track systems on Gautrain, South Africa’s first high speed line.
- Multidisciplinary building design – North Wood Primary School in Darlington is an exemplar project which raises standards for environmental design and community engagement;
- Vital water and environmental projects – as part of a joint venture, Atkins is providing technical assistance to the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Programme in Nigeria, which will benefit up to three million people.

Atkins was named Consultancy of the Year in the CIBSE Low Carbon Performance Awards 2010; received the first ever certification of the Carbon Trust Standard awarded to an engineering consultancy in the construction sector; and was named among *The Times* Top 50 Companies Where Women Want to Work 2009 and *The Times* Top 100 Graduate Employers 2009. The company was also construction and civil engineering sector winner for the fourth consecutive year in the Target National Graduate Recruitment Awards 2009.

Atkins is the official engineering design services provider for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.