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Delivering high quality training resources and facilities in the longest running Fire PFI

Contract summary

 INDUSTRY SECTOR Emergency Services Fire and Rescue	 SERVICES DELIVERED Operation & maintenance of training facility plus administration of annual training plan
 CONTRACT DURATION Commenced: April 2003 Duration: 25 years	 CONTRACT LOCATION Severn Park Fire & Rescue Training Centre, Avonmouth, Bristol

Key outcomes

 QUALITY SUPPORT Up to date, well maintained facilities with an emphasis on safety and legislative compliance	 SHARED RISKS Critical in delivering key priorities to all Partners as they strive to make communities safer
 CLIENT INVOLVEMENT Innovative solutions created to meet the client's changing needs	 PERFORMANCE Babcock and their managed sub-contractors consistently deliver all KPIs

Babcock designed, built, operates and maintains the Severn Park Fire and Rescue Training Centre for three Fire and Rescue Services: Avon FRS, Gloucestershire FRS, Devon & Somerset FRS.

The challenge

- › Development of a £70million PFI between Babcock and three Fire and Rescue Services and authorities
- › To deliver a safe training environment for intrinsically hazardous operations
- › To continue to provide a facility that meets the challenges and changes required for the Fire and Rescue Services, with financial support whilst also sharing and managing the associated risks

The Solution

The purpose built centre offers an enhanced training experience for both fire service personnel and commercial users. Training is delivered by a highly skilled and qualified team of Fire and Rescue personnel from the three Services. Supporting the training is the Babcock team, administering the training programme including asset management and training scenario management. Babcock is also responsible for ensuring the facility remains safe and up to date.

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“The centre gives Avon FRS a first class, professional facility and a range of operational and leadership training that is fit for a modern and progressive Fire and Rescue Service. The facility and our partnership are critical in delivering our key priorities of making our communities safer and our organisation stronger.”

Simon Shilton, Assistance Chief Fire Office | Avon Fire & Rescue Service

The site spans four acres and boasts unique, realistic training facilities. With 34 en-suite single bedrooms, gymnasium and restaurant, the Centre operates 24 hours, 7 days a week.

The capability to support conferences and meetings up to 250 adds to the flexibility of the site and facilities.

The Outcome

- › High quality support, facilities and cost savings to the three Fire and Rescue Services
- › Shared risks associated with a large capital project delivering long term mutual success

Key elements:

- › Joint fire training facility
- › Full availability of the contract
- › Flexible approach throughout a long term contract
- › Maintenance and replacement of up to date modern and innovate facilities and equipment.

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