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StARS–MS rostering and attendance management system selected by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Moore Stephens Consulting (MSC), a provider of technology services with a track record of delivering a range of solutions to the Public Sector, announced today that they have been selected by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority (MFRA) for the provision of the StARS-MS system which will form the foundation of MFRA's Time and Resource Management System.

MSC's specific focus on the fire services sector has culminated in the development of an integrated set of systems and technologies designed to underpin the day-to-day operational activities of fire and rescue services. The central component of this integrated platform is the StARS-MS rostering and attendance management system. Specifically developed from the ground up to meet needs of fire services, StARS-MS provides support for recording attendance, appliance availability, duty assignments, rostering, sickness and leave management and is a fully featured personnel management system.

Mike Davies, FM& IHR Project Manager at MFRA, said "Our goal with this project is to provide Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority with a time and resource management system that meets our requirements and is capable of interfacing with our existing HR system, enabling us to more effectively plan and manage resources. The ultimate aim is to improve efficiency and effectiveness, reduce costs, automate administrative processes and improve communications across the organisation whilst providing an excellent service to the Merseyside area.

The Authority, having undertaken a rigorous procurement process, is satisfied that the StARS-MS system is best placed to meet our specific Time & Resource Management needs”.

Simon Lamb, Director, Emergency Services Business at MSC, added “UK Fire and Rescue Services are facing many challenges, not least of which is to continue to provide the highest levels of operational effectiveness and resilience with considerable reductions in financial resources. StARS-MS is a tried and tested system that will help deliver increased efficiency with consequent back office savings whilst supporting the front line. It is a flexible system that not only integrates with existing systems but can be adapted to suit changing circumstances and needs, thereby future-proofing the investment. We look forward to working with MFRA and implementing a system that will help them to continue to provide an excellent service to the people of Merseyside.”

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Who we are

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StARS-MS

MSC, in conjunction with one of the world’s largest fire services, has developed StARS-MS, an integrated rostering and attendance management system for fire and rescue services. The system manages staff and appliance availability, rostering, support for Retained Duty System and Volunteer personnel and sickness and leave management. In addition it provides key management information for strategic planning and decision making. Simplifying and automating processes, StARS-MS achieves time and cost savings whilst improving efficiency and resilience.

For more information visit www.stars-ms.co.uk.

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority is responsible for the running of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and has ultimate responsibility for its decision making. It is made up of 18 Members, who are local councillors of each of the five districts of Merseyside including Liverpool, Wirral, Sefton, Knowsley and St Helens. Members of the Authority have a responsibility to the whole community of Merseyside and are directly accountable to the people of Merseyside for the running of the Fire and Rescue Service.

For more information visit www.merseyfire.gov.uk