

**AEA Technology plc ('AEA') wins major UK air quality contract worth £4.7 million**

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AEA, the leading climate change and energy consultancy, has won a major contract from Defra worth £4.7m, confirming its world-class expertise in the area of air quality and atmospheric emissions. The contract, which AEA has held for more than ten years, is for five years duration.

The contract involves the quality assurance and assessment of UK air quality data for Defra, Scottish Government, Welsh Assembly Government and the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland through the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN).

Air quality is continuously monitored for selected pollutants at over 120 sites across the UK through the AURN.

A team of scientific experts from AEA is responsible for assessment and statutory reporting of the data in order to advise Defra in the context of its policy measures.

Using the data, AEA's team is also able to forecast air quality on a daily basis and model future air quality scenarios. The data and analysis from this contract, also feeds in to AEA's work for Defra's National Air Quality Information Archive, which maintains historic air-quality and emissions data.

Andrew McCree, CEO, AEA Technology plc said:

"AEA is a world-leader in the field of air-quality and emissions analysis and modelling. This contract is at the heart of the Government's drive to manage, monitor and improve UK air quality.

"This is an area of science where the UK is genuinely leading the world and as more nations become aware of environmental and specifically air quality issues, we see great opportunities for AEA to export our expertise across the globe."

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**Notes to Editors:**

AEA Technology is one of the world's leaders in the field of climate change and energy consultancy - operating in the UK, Europe, the US and China. It is the leading provider of



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advisory services to the UK Government and works extensively with the EU and major private sector organisations.

With internationally renowned expertise in air quality and climate change, carbon management, resource efficiency and the environmental impacts of transport, AEA employs many world leading experts and provides a high-level of policy consultancy and a range of technical services to its public and private sector clients.

AEA was voted by environmental consultancy customers across the UK, as Best Consultancy for Climate Change and Renewables at the prestigious EDIE Awards.

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