

Mitie helps accelerate the Environment Agency's EV strategy with new charge point contract

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Mitie has won a £4.5m contract to install and maintain electric vehicle (EV) charge points for the Environment Agency, a delivery body of the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Mitie is building on its existing relationship delivering facilities management for DEFRA with this new partnership that will see it establish an EV charging network across over 100 sites across the UK and maintain it for an initial two-year contract term, with the option to extend for three more years.

The new contract will support the Environment Agency's transition to a zero emissions fleet by ensuring EV drivers have access to a reliable and secure charging system across all its sites. Mitie will design and install approximately 450 EV chargers and be responsible for their operation and maintenance during the contract. This builds on Mitie's experience in this space, having already installed EV charge points for its customers and colleagues across the UK.

Minimising its impact on the environment will be central to how Mitie delivers this contract. For example, with around 2,500 electric vehicles on the Mitie fleet, survey and installation teams will use EVs across the contract wherever possible, reducing transport emissions in the delivery of the chargers.

The contract will also see the introduction of software that remotely connects the chargers, allowing the Environment Agency and Mitie to monitor how each charge point is performing in real time. The software will also identify any faults or issues that need repairing, performing remote fixes and restarts where possible. This will drive quicker fix times and reduce how often engineers need to physically visit sites,

ensuring charge point downtime is kept to a minimum.

Pradyumna Pandit, Managing Director of Sustainability and Energy Services, Mitie said: “As the operators of one of the UK’s largest electric vehicle fleets, we are delighted to be sharing our expertise with the Environment Agency through this exciting partnership. As organisations continue to commit to sustainable fleets, it is imperative that there is sufficient infrastructure in place for electric vehicles to charge. This contract is a great example of how we are using our EV experience to help more organisations accelerate towards their zero emission targets.”