

New UK defence contract for Mitie

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Landmarc Support Services (Landmarc), a joint venture between [Mitie](#) and Amentum, has been awarded a £560m contract to manage the UK land on which thousands of Armed Forces personnel train.

Under the contract, Landmarc will provide facilities management services, rural estate management and operational services on the UK Defence Training Estate, as well as delivering additional works with an estimated value of up to £800m, subject to annual reviews. The initial contract is for seven years with the option to extend annually up to a further three years, based on contractor performance. It is due to come into service in December 2023.

The new contract will provide UK and visiting Armed Forces with a safe and secure place to live, work and train, while maintaining and improving the land, buildings and facilities that they use. The contract will also deliver vital services to training troops, including providing them with around four million meals a year and approximately one million bed spaces. It will introduce innovative, more responsive, and flexible services for personnel using the training estate and will be more agile to meet the changing needs of the Armed Forces.

The training estate covers around 1% of land in the UK and plays a crucial role in preparing UK and visiting troops for operations across the globe, including supporting the UK-based training of thousands of Ukrainian volunteer recruits.

The training estate includes training camps, range complexes and field firing areas, as well as Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Special Conservation Areas. Much of the training estate is open to the public and this new contract will help to ensure that these important spaces are well maintained and are kept safe for both the public and the military to use.

Mitie has a strong background in supporting the Armed Forces, with several contracts across the UK and

overseas. This includes a recent £256m contract award to deliver maintenance and facilities management services across the MOD estate in Cyprus, as part of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation's (DIO) Overseas Prime Contracts. Mitie also secured a seven-year £160m contract with a potential £486m for additional works to deliver maintenance services for sites across Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Brian Talbot, Managing Director, Central Government & Defence, Mitie, said:

"As a British business we're proud to support the UK Armed Forces, both here and overseas. By providing the critical support services that enable forces personnel to access safe and sustainable spaces to live, work and train, we're passionate about playing our role in supporting the important work of our military."

Commenting on Landmarc's new contract award, Brigadier Jonathan Bartholomew, Head DIO Overseas & Training Region, said:

"We are passionate about the work we do every day to support our Armed Forces by offering a safe place to train.

"This new contract for the training estate will offer safe, secure, and well-maintained training facilities, meals, and beds, for our Service personnel as they prepare for operations worldwide.

"The new contract offers the opportunity to transform the way we manage our training areas. We have a good working relationship with Landmarc and I look forward to continuing our work with them to improve the training estate so that it meets the unique and ever-changing needs of our Armed Forces as well as offering a safe place for the public to visit."

Mark Neill, Managing Director at Landmarc, said:

"We are thrilled to be awarded this new contract and build on 20 years of outstanding service delivery to ensure that the UK Defence Training Estate delivers safe and sustainable locations to train our Armed Forces. "Every single one of our 1,300 strong team has had a part to play in providing the critical services that enable our Armed Forces to train effectively, deploy on operations and return home safely. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with DIO and working with its wider industry partners to transform the lived experience of Armed Forces personnel who use the Defence estate to live, work and train."

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