

GPA awards five-year deal to OCS

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Following on from the announcement by The Government Property Agency regarding the award of a number of FM contracts, [Atalian Servest](#), part of [OCS](#), has released further detail about its role in the GPA's UK-wide workplace services transformation programme (WSTP).

The Group has confirmed it has been awarded a five-year contract to provide a range of hard and soft FM services at 69 key government sites across the UK, including strategically important government buildings in Whitehall such as 10 Downing Street and the Admiralty Building.

These include planned and reactive maintenance, handyman services, lifecycle works, project works, cleaning, reception, portage, catering, waste, grounds maintenance and pest control.

The number of roles will be increased by 30% across a range of disciplines to support OCS' commitment to driving continuous improvement and delivering a strong customer experience, with all staff being paid the Living Wage and offered additional training and career progression to reflect the Group's aim to make people and places the best they can be.

The company is also adding value through the introduction of dedicated Social Value management resource to drive forward and deliver on social value and environmental outcomes. This includes a commitment to ensuring that over 50% of the supply chain consists of local suppliers. In addition, it will work closely with GPA to help them achieve their carbon reduction targets, introducing CarbonEyes, the group's carbon and sustainability training platform, to all staff at all sites, educating them on how to identify opportunities to reduce carbon and deliver a more sustainable service.

Global chief executive officer Rob Legge said: "At the heart of this contract award are strong, shared values from two organisations who are committed to empowering colleagues through excellent working environments, driving productivity and engagement. Strong shared beliefs around the importance of

collaboration, integrity and respect for communities and the environment will provide a solid bedrock for this new partnership and allow us to set new standards in the UK's public sector estate."

GPA workplace services director Dominic Brankin said: "We are working with all government departments to help them deliver their business needs, supported by best-in-class delivery partners to ensure we deliver a transformed, shared, sustainable and value-for-money government estate.

*The WSTP exists to evolve how the Government's office estate is managed and operated to create great places to work for civil servants enabling them to deliver excellent public services. The GPA's vision is to "deliver a transformed, shared, sustainable and value for money office estate, supporting civil servants to work productively in every nation and region of the UK."