

Babcock partnering enables Government to deliver

This Autumn and into early 2007 the Government will reach the climax of its third comprehensive spending review or 'CSR'. This is the process by which the political priorities for public spending and the allocations for their delivery by departments are set. In short, CSR determines who gets what, when and also the performance criteria that are to be met. Among the largest areas of capital spending in the last spending review, known as CSR 2004, were Defence, Rail and Scotland – all three of these are areas where Babcock, through its partnering efforts, continues to deliver improvements without compromise to safety, efficiency or value for money.

... in Defence



The breadth of Babcock activity for the MoD can surprise some observers. We are very well known for our maritime support of surface warships, including aircraft carriers, at Rosyth and for the waterfront support and services provided to nuclear submarines at HMNB Clyde. Babcock is active in supporting key infrastructure and activities which underpin the conduct of military training.

... in Rail

For Network Rail the specialist activities delivered by First Engineering assist the national infrastructure owner in meeting its commitments to shareholders. High output track renewals is a case in point, where First and its Austrian partners are delivering innovative technology in the form of an integrated, largely automated chain of equipment which enables replacement track to be laid more rapidly than is possible through traditional methods.



... in Scotland

Babcock is actively providing support for transportation to the Scottish Executive. On a broader scale, however, the comprehensive activities carried out by Babcock in Scotland as a whole, through Babcock Engineering Services, Babcock Naval Services and First Engineering, make our group one of the larger employers of engineering services in the country.

... in the Future

Looking to the future, whilst the Comprehensive Spending Review is not yet finalised, it is clear that the partnering approach which Babcock performs with Government in supporting national infrastructure critical to the wellbeing of society and everyday life will remain of importance.

In highly regulated industries, such as high voltage electricity transmission, telecommunications, nuclear decommissioning and airports, Babcock is working to utilise its storehouse of experience in partnering alliances that deliver safe, efficient, cost-effective solutions to more and more customers. Whatever the outcome of CSR 2007, Babcock will continue to do so and to assist Government in meeting its objectives.

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Left: The Rt. Hon. Gordon Brown MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, holds aloft the budget box. The Treasury plays a key role in guiding the CSR process.

Those of you with a long memory may recall our 'Babcock budget box built to last' story in the Summer 2004 issue of The Big Picture. The budget box used by the Chancellor today was hand-made by Babcock employee Eric Axford in 1997 to replace the original box made for Lord Gladstone in 1860.

