

FB Heliservices says it has been awarded a four year contract plus two possible one year extensions by the UK Ministry of Defence to continue to provide helicopter flying training at RAF Shawbury, RAF Valley and AAC Middle Wallop, together with support services at RAF Shawbury and AAC Middle Wallop. The contract is worth £193 million and will commence on 1 April 2012.

The contract represents a continuation of the existing Defence Helicopter Flying School and support services contract, which has been so successfully undertaken by FBS Limited and FB Heliservices Limited for the past fifteen years. Helicopter flying training will continue to be delivered utilising the existing 34 x AS350BB Squirrel and 11 x Griffin Bell 412EP helicopters, albeit upgraded to include new technology and to increase training capability.

FB Heliservices Managing Director, Peter Richardson said "I am delighted that FB Heliservices has been awarded a new contract to continue with the Defence Helicopter Flying School and support services requirements for the UK Ministry of Defence which I believe recognises our success in working with and supporting the UK Ministry of Defence during the last 15 years". FB Heliservices has a very strong track record under long term performance based contracts supporting the UK Ministry of Defence, and Peter Richardson added "This contract allows us to continue to work in close partnership with the UK Ministry of Defence and the Defence Helicopter Flying School to deliver military helicopter aircrew training which is seen as best in class worldwide."

FB Heliservices Limited is a joint venture company jointly owned by Bristow Helicopters and Cobham Aviation Services and specialises in the provision of helicopters, including operational support and training services, to military and government agencies in the UK and worldwide.