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FibreSpan brings in the New Year with Cheshire County Council's new Data Centre connection

10 January 2009, UNITED KINGDOM: FibreSpan, one of the UK's leading independent dark fibre telecoms specialists, has started 2009 with a bang after winning a competitive bid for Cheshire County Council's new Data Centre connectivity. The 800 square metre state-of-the-art Data Centre is due for completion summer 2009 and will house all of the County's systems and applications.

In order to facilitate high-speed, secure connectivity between locations, the Council needed a supplier that could build a dedicated fibre optic network. Having met all the necessary requirements, FibreSpan was chosen to deploy and maintain a nine kilometre fibre optic ring around Chester city centre that will provide for the Council's current and future connectivity needs. The fibre ring will form an essential part of the Council's disaster recovery plan and will be completed on schedule, by May 2009.

'With many of the country's councils under immense pressure to provide services dependent on fast and secure connectivity, it is clear that dedicated connections are a must. FibreSpan provides a unique solution by giving such clients bespoke, private, secure connections with the ability to increase bandwidth as they need it,' says FibreSpan Chief Executive, Robert Bicket.

As part of the OGC Telecoms Framework Agreement, Cheshire was able to move quickly through the procurement process knowing that all OGC suppliers are pre-approved for public sector work. Ultimately however, Cheshire chose Fibrespan not only because of its Framework status, but because of its reputation for providing the best value dark fibre solutions and most responsive service.

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FibreSpan is a fibre solutions company with a national telecommunications licence. It designs, installs, operates and leases private dark fibre circuits, working in partnership with health and education, local authorities and other multi-site organisations. Established in 2001, it is an independent UK national statutory utility, licensed by the DTI and regulated by Ofcom.

It is FibreSpan's goal to make fibre optic connectivity a viable solution for organisations throughout the UK. In order to achieve this, the company has invested in developing patent-pending microduct technology that is swiftly changing the face of fibre optic deployment – allowing access to bespoke dark fibre connectivity at an affordable and competitive rate.

FibreSpan offer an end-to-end service that includes consultation, network planning, rapid deployment and comprehensive support. Its dark fibre networks offer unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost for the term of the contract - a genuinely future proof solution. This puts FibreSpan in a unique position to enable clients to have complete control of future bandwidth demand.