

## NEWS RELEASE

### **FibreSpan completes second deployment for Leeds Metropolitan University**

11 November 2006, UNITED KINGDOM: FibreSpan has now deployed the second stage of a bespoke dark fibre network in Leeds bustling city centre for Leeds Metropolitan University, one of the largest universities in the UK.

Earlier this year, FibreSpan provided a dedicated dark fibre link from the main university campus to a new faculty in the city centre's landmark Electric Press building, connecting a third building on route. The network extension has now connected a fourth building (the School of Law) south of the city centre, which has doubled the size of the network.

The university sought a high bandwidth network and dark fibre was identified as the preferred technology. Its bandwidth requirements are continually expanding as it runs an increasing number of services across the network - it also has a longer-term strategy to run voice communications over Ethernet.

The university was attracted to FibreSpan's affordable and competitive solution, winning the contract against a BT and other incumbent Telcos with network already present in the area.

Tony Crossland, Network Manager at Leeds Metropolitan University comments: "Both stages of the deployment have proved to be a tremendous success, deployed rapidly and without disruption in a busy city centre. We now have FibreSpan's dedicated communication links between our buildings, which provides us with unlimited bandwidth for the duration of our contract, at a fixed and competitive price."

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**About FibreSpan** - [fibrespan.co.uk](http://fibrespan.co.uk)

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.

**About Leeds Metropolitan University** – [leedsmet.ac.uk](http://leedsmet.ac.uk)

Leeds Metropolitan University is striving to be a world-class regional university, with worldwide horizons, using all of its talents to the full. It is one of the largest universities in the country, with over 41,000 students and 3,000 staff. It has two contrasting learning environments in Leeds, the traditional setting of one campus in the world famous sporting area of Headingley and one intertwined with the business, health, civic and entertainment quarters of Leeds.