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## Airservices and Defence sign operating level agreement

Airservices and the Department of Defence have signed an Operating Level Agreement which governs the relationship between the two organisations for the acquisition and support of a new air traffic management (ATM) system for Australia.

The agreement is a key milestone in the project to procure a single ATM system for military and civilian use as both organisations' systems are approaching their end of life.

Airservices General Manager ATC Future Systems, Nick King, said that the agreement strengthens and enhances the previous understandings between the parties.

“Working together, our commitment is to successfully harmonise civil and military air traffic management to deliver a wide range of benefits, including greater airspace efficiency, better investment in personnel and infrastructure, and seamless systems compatibility.” Mr King said.

“This agreement formally acknowledges that the relationship between Airservices and Defence is collaborative, while offering benefits as a result of increased levels of harmonisation.”

The operating level agreement sees both parties co-operating in relation to an approach to market for the acquisition and support of ATM systems and services.

Air Commodore Mike Walkington, from the Defence Materiel Organisation, said that the agreement augments the relationship and agreements Air Force has with Airservices and provides specific arrangements for acquisition and sustainment.

The agreement was signed by Airservices Acting Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Clark, and by Defence Materiel Organisation General Manager Systems, Shireane McKinnie on 13 July.

It follows an industry request for information in 2010 and a supplier briefing in late 2011.

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**A photograph of the signing ceremony is available at <http://newsroom.airservicesaustralia.com> (registration required).**

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