TRANSAS CONTRACT WITH CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE

It was announced on 14th March that Transas Marine and City of Glasgow College had signed a contract to supply a simulation complex. The simulation centre in the Riverside campus which is under construction, will be one of the largest, the most up to date and most technically advanced simulation suite in the UK, it is claimed. Training courses are expected to start in Autumn 2015.

The ship simulator suite forms a core part of the new Riverside Campus and the complex nature of the equipment and fit out require a high degree of integration with the New Campus NPD Co., (the Scottish Government’s Non-Profit Distributing revenue funded procurement model) design. Transas provided technical integration input into the refinement of design for the New NPD Campus project. The suite will include a full mission engine room simulator; simulator labs for studying of electronic navigation systems; GMDSS training; liquid cargo handling and DP operations’ training.

Ship handling simulators will house four part-task bridges with 135° visualisation and a 360° full mission ship handling simulator which will be used for advanced training and certification.

Iain Marley, Project Director, City of Glasgow College remarked, “Due to expected growth in maritime training over the coming years and introduction of the Manila Amendments of the Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) 2010 conference, the college acknowledges that in order to maintain its position within the sector, both nationally and internationally, that now is an ideal time to enhance the provision of simulation equipment installed previously. The requirement for leadership and management courses at all levels, but particularly at the operational and management levels, as defined in STCW 2010, has also influenced the identification of requirements. This is true particularly in regards to the connectivity of individual items of simulation equipment, as joint training of deck and engineering officers for certain aspects of leadership and management training will now become mandatory. The expected demand for growth in dynamic positioning training has also been a major factor in the design of the simulation equipment.”

The City of Glasgow College was formed in September 2010 from the merger of three existing further education (FE) colleges within central Glasgow including the former Glasgow College of Nautical Studies. The College is now one of the largest FE colleges in Scotland and the only major provider of maritime education and training there, it is understood. Part of the merger strategy included the rationalisation of the estates of the former colleges through the construction of two distinct new city centre campuses.
Picture caption

*The signing of the contract between Transas Marine and City of Glasgow College for supply of a simulation complex, April 2014.*