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Hedra extends partnership with HM Land Registry

Leading management consulting and technology service company, Hedra plc, today announced a two-year extension of its partnership with HM Land Registry to deliver the e-conveyancing programme.

Hedra, the largest independent consultancy working in the public sector, was initially appointed by HM Land Registry in 2003 to assist the organisation in defining the e-conveyancing programme. The programme will introduce new ways of working and systems to support the sale and purchase of property from 2007. The mission of the e-conveyancing programme is to 'make conveyancing easier for all'. The proposed electronic system of conveyancing will make buying/selling of property easier and more transparent for the general public, conveyancing professionals and other parties involved in the process.

The extended contract will see Hedra continue to support the design and build of the new solution, in addition to providing support to HM Land Registry in the next phase of the programme as its delivery partner. Hedra is supporting key aspects of the programme including overall programme management, business analysis, change management and working with the market to introduce new services.

Liz Hirst, Director of e-conveyancing for HM Land Registry, said: "I am delighted to announce we have now entered the design and build phase of e-conveyancing. We have extended the original contract with Hedra as a result of the excellent service provided by the team in the initial planning stages of e-conveyancing. Within our existing partnership, Hedra will continue to supply valuable expertise to support the programme."

Anna Price, director of Central Government at Hedra plc, said: "It is an exciting time at HM Land Registry as e-conveyancing will transform the property buying process. We have been working hard with HM Land Registry on the planning, analysis and design of the solution and are thrilled that they have chosen to extend the existing partnership with Hedra to support the next phase of the programme."

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2006 will see the introduction of one of the key e-conveyancing features: a chain matrix that will enable buyers and sellers to view house-buying 'chains' on a secure website – enabling those involved to keep informed about the progress of all the interdependent transactions and provide greater confidence that their planned move will go ahead. In the longer term, the full e-conveyancing solution will enable conveyancers to undertake all aspects of their business more quickly, less stressfully and with a greater degree of certainty than is presently possible so providing their clients with the highest level of service.

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