

CASE STUDY

Derry

KEY FACTS

Location	Hemel Hempstead
Industry	Mobile Telecoms
Scope	Interior remedial repairs



Sub contracting – more than just a tender?

Following the severe damage caused by the explosion at the Buncefield oil storage depot in Hemel Hempstead in 2005, 3G, one of the UK's leading mobile telecoms providers, requested Derry Building Services to carry out testing and repairs to mechanical and electrical services and building fabric at their Data Centre.

Derry asked Woodman to provide a fixed cost and time quotation for interior remedial repairs to damaged dry lined walls, doors in the plant room, displaced ceilings in the offices and re-decoration to various areas. Included in the contract was a clause that all areas had to maintain continuous 24 hour operation which entailed stringent and skilled management.

THE CHALLENGE

The works involved operating within a constant and vital 'live' data centre environment whilst at the same time removing plasterboard dry lining and decorations, repairing metal sub-structures and replacing the boards and redecoration. Another consideration was to ensure that the work was completed harmoniously with other 'active' office environments and alongside other Derry personnel.

THE SOLUTION

The stringent risk and operational requirements were fulfilled under detailed method statements which involved Woodman creating a hermetical and safe working environment by building a dust barrier to ensure the live data centre repairs fulfilled the operation criteria. Constant access for 3G staff was also maintained via dedicated dust proof access routes. Constant liaison between Woodman's contract managers and Derry also ensured that the 3G's 24 hour operation was maintained throughout.

THE CONCLUSION

The works for Derry were completed successfully within pre-agreed fixed budget and the overall site programme.

Derry's project manager, **Terry Dixon**, added, "Woodman completed the project exactly on time and on budget and, more to the point, co-operated with us to ensure we fulfilled all our contractual obligations on time. Without a doubt, we will look to continue to use Woodman as a specialist workspace sub contractor for future projects."