



Case Study: Up close and personal in Westminster

Allcooper's Access Control systems are used by a wide variety of Corporate and Public Sector clients across the UK and mainland Europe.

PUBLIC SECTOR

Background

Located in the heart of Westminster, with over 2,500 staff, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) is a government ministry that incorporates the former Department for Education and Skills (DfES) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). As part of the Government's aim to deliver educational excellence, the DCSF is responsible

for improving the focus on all aspects of policy affecting children and young people.

Producing guidelines and implementing laws of national significance, the DCSF is a busy departmental building that houses a number of influential national decision makers. Security is therefore of paramount importance within the department.

"Allcooper have provided a quality service. Their engineers are constantly on call and we never have to worry about our security systems"

– Gerry Saunders, DCSF Representative for Security

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

Allcooper's Three Point Focus for DCSF

- A Tight Time Frame
- No Disruption to DCSF Operations
- New ID badges for all 2,500 staff members

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The Challenge

The DCSF tasked MITIE, who manage the Facilities at its London Headquarters, with a fast track program to improve security in the building to a much greater level. They required a variety of systems to include a new building wide Access Control System integrated with new Entrance Barriers and a new bespoke Reception Desk.

Due to the high-profile nature of the client, a number of national security companies were invited to bid for the work.

The tight time-scale was the major hurdle for any contractor awarded the contract. The DCSF insisted that the new security measures were in place within just eight weeks, and required an installation that would cause little or no disruption to their operations. Additionally, the DCSF wanted to issue all 2,500 members of their staff with ID badges. This was a massive logistical operation that required capturing images of all staff, constructing a database with all personnel information and then printing and issuing the cards.

The Solution

Allcooper put together a compelling and cost effective tender and were awarded the £150,000 contract by main contractors MITIE. The MITIE contracts manager was aware of Allcooper's reputation for quality and was therefore pleased when they won the contract.

The Right Systems – The system Allcooper installed consisted of a high end Access Control System, controlling main lobby doors throughout the building. This was also integrated into the three goods and personnel lifts in the building. Also included in the project were several turnstiles to control access into the main building and Allcooper supplied and installed a more secure and appropriate reception desk. This resulted in greater security of the building and its staff with better control of visitors.

No Disruption – The entire solution, project managed closely by Allcooper's Steve Morgan, was implemented within the short time frame. Allcooper's engineers worked outside of office hours in order to avoid disruption to DCSF operations and staff. Where longer operations were necessary, such as installing the turnstiles, Allcooper ensured work was completed over weekends. Allcooper are used to working in demanding environments and 'our ability to install sensitively, quietly and cleanly is considered standard practice', says Allcooper's Chairman, Gerard Cooper.

On Time – Despite logistical complexities, Allcooper managed the entire data capture, image capture and badging exercise by its Card Bureau staff, ensuring all DCSF staff members were provided with new ID badges. The solution was delivered to budget and on time for a visit from the Prime Minister to open the new reception.

Other recently completed projects involving Access Control systems

- £25,000 Security Control Room Upgrade for Global Software Company – Reading
- £700,000 Upgrade for Major IT Outsourcing Company – 13 Locations Nationwide
- £100,000 Upgrade for Financial Services Company – Cheltenham
- £55,000 Installation for Software House – Huddersfield
- £175,000 Installation for Global Gaming Software Company

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