



Press release

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BOUYGUES CONSTRUCTION CLINCHES NEW PFI CONTRACT IN UK

Bouygues UK and Ecovert FM, UK subsidiaries of Bouygues Construction, have just signed a contract to design, build and provide facilities management (FM) services for Central Middlesex hospital in north-east London. The contract was concluded with the North West London Hospital NHS Trust and amounts to **110 million euros** for the design and construction and **100 million euros** for the FM part.

The ByCentral consortium, which comprises HSBC, Bouygues UK and Ecovert FM, awarded Bouygues UK the design and construction, and Ecovert FM, Bouygues Construction's UK-based FM arm, the hard FM and maintenance services.

This Private Finance Initiative (PFI) covers the construction in 28 months of 26,000 sq.m. of buildings, including network infrastructure and medical facilities supply. In total, 214 beds, three operating theatres, an A&E department and an outpatients department will be created. Ecovert FM will provide the maintenance services for the existing and new buildings, which represent 40,000 sq.m., for a period of 30 years.

This contract for Central Middlesex hospital marks a new success for Bouygues Construction in the PFI field in the UK, following on from West Middlesex and Barnet hospitals, King's College university centre and the UK Home Office, awarded in 2002 and currently in progress. In addition to the design and construction, Bouygues Construction has been entrusted with 25 to 35-year facilities management services for all these projects.

PFI is a contractual arrangement introduced by the British government in 1992 under which services (design-construction, financing, management of public infrastructure) are entrusted to the private sector by the government.

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