

On Track...

Site Supervisors with information at their fingertips!

Our new system is set to revolutionise the way that our Site Supervisors & Engineers work at IPS! Using an electronic tablet and our in-house software, our site engineers will have the information they need to improve the data flow from site back to the office at the touch of a button. The system will reduce site based paperwork and control and monitor progress on site against the budget and programme.

The new system will save a huge amount of paper, going even further to meet the requirements of our ISO 14001:2001 certification!



Features

- Supervisors will log Engineers onto site by means of a camera on the tablet which will 'swipe' the QR bar code from the Engineers ID badge.
- After signing in the Supervisor will be advised if there are any processes / documents that must be read and acknowledged prior to starting work.
- A 'site pack' is maintained by document control for every project and available to the Supervisor via the tablet.
- A 'tasks' list is maintained by the Project Engineer(s) who uploads the tasks to the tablet, giving the Supervisor a target for each nights work. The Supervisor can then update the list, forming a complete history of the task to the company system for everyone to view.
- The tablet will provide access to other IPS applications, e.g. Authority to Work Certificates (AWC), SABRE Certificates, Labour assignment, Stores etc.
- A messaging system will allow a simple 'ring me when you get to site' person to person messages, and system messages alerting Supervisors.

How will it work on the Underground where there is neither WiFi or 3G?

All the information is downloaded onto the tablet so that it's available all the time. When the device comes into range of a network the information input by the Supervisor is uploaded, and any new information from base is downloaded to the device.

Certifications



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Security Systems Maintenance Contract @ The British Library

IPS has been awarded the Security Systems Maintenance contract at the prestigious British Library. This three year contract covers the maintenance of the CCTV, Access Control, Intruder and Radio PA Systems.



The British Library has unique security requirements, as befits its status as one of the world's foremost repositories and archives of the written word and IPS have proved to be a professional, skilled and knowledgeable service provider.

In these times of economic uncertainty IPS evidently understands the need for restraint when proposing solutions to the unique surveillance requirements at the library, by offering technically competent, cost-effective, resilient and future-proof surveillance and access control solutions. The British Library expects to benefit greatly from its relationship with IPS, and looks forward to an exciting partnership over the next several years.

**Nigel Williamson, Security Systems Manager
The British Library**

Our proven history in the safety critical rail industry, along with our qualifications and experience places us in an excellent position to work in the largest public building to be constructed in the UK in the 20th century!

For further details please contact Steve Dyer, Technical Director,

IPS Maintenance Division – Services include:

- In-House Task Management System (TMS) - ability to tailor the inputs and outputs to any specific contract requirements
- Bespoke training courses developed to support individual projects (In-House Trainers & Training Suite)
- Flexible and responsive (24/7/365) dedicated maintenance and management team
- First-class service for systems including: CCTV, Access Control, Customer Information Systems, Public Address, Help Points, Clocks and IT Support
- Repair Centre – Fully operational repair centre with experienced and qualified repair Technicians

Southern Rail Refurbishment



IPS is working closely with Southern Railway to improve and enhance the Local Area Network (LAN) infrastructure utilising Cat5e and fibre optic data transmission solutions. As part of a major network-wide upgrade, the LAN improvements are enabling remote connection into station security and communications systems. These improvements will provide the ability to remotely monitor and record station CCTV, enhancing passenger and staff security. IPS is also providing enabling and installation services, supporting the wider introduction of automatic ticket barriers, ticket vending machines, customer information system, voice communications and customer information pods, as part of the current station refurbishment programme across the Southern Railway network.

IPS has installed and refurbished communications systems at over 150 sites throughout the Southern Railway network. We currently have dedicated civils teams providing concrete mounting plinths and subsurface ducting routes.

Our ability to supply and install a variety of railway communication systems, including CCTV, Help Points, Visual Information Displays, Clocks, Public Address and Voice Alarm (PA/VA) and the associated fibre optic and Cat5e cabling, ensure IPS are able to offer a complete installation service.



Asset Stabilisation Update

IPS has recently completed a series of asset stabilisation works for London Underground at Hammersmith, Upton Park, Pimlico and Gants Hill stations. The large scope of works included the renewal of the CCTV, Public Address (PA), Help Points and Digital Voice Announcement facilities. A successful working relationship was achieved between IPS and LU which helped to complete the stations on time and to LU standards.



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Did You Know? 15th Anniversary

IPS has been celebrating the company's 15th anniversary this year! Founded on 20th August 1996 with just a small team, IPS has rapidly grown to become one of the largest telecommunications installers on the London Underground. IPS offers a wide range of services from design through to maintenance. The company is still owned and run by the founders Phil Clayton (Managing Director), Bob Clayton (Corporate Director) & Chris Helden (Corporate Director).



IPS Relaunches Website

IPS has recently relaunched their company website (www.ips-ltd.co.uk). Catch up with our latest news and case studies via the site, you can also download the latest version of On Track from the site.

IPS is awarded OPO Framework Agreement

IPS has been awarded an OPO Framework Agreement from London Underground. Further details will be provided in the next edition of On Track.

Competition

For your chance to win £100 worth of Amazon vouchers just drop an email to sales@ips-ltd.co.uk with the combined weight of the 3 Directors and your contact details. It couldn't be simpler! You will find a photo of the three Directors on our newly launched website! The winner will be announced on the website on Thursday 5th January 2012. Good luck!

IPS is Awarded DVR Upgrade Contract

With the Olympics just around the corner there is a greater need than ever to improve the CCTV system within the London Underground (LU) network to provide heightened security and crowd control. LU looked into providing CCTV images from the LU infrastructure to the British Transport Police (BTP) facility and identified that the BTP CCTV assets were in need of urgent upgrading. IPS has been awarded the contract to upgrade 120 new Digital Video Recorders (DVR) at over 60 stations. The contract has already commenced and is due for completion around March 2012. This project has a huge number of benefits including; centralised documentation, live streaming and recorded CCTV images over an IP network. There are technical scenarios for each station depending on the existing equipment in place and the contract includes wiring and commissioning activities.



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Tower to Tower

As you maybe aware the Directors of IPS - Phil Clayton, Bob Clayton, Steve Harris and David Dear recently set themselves a challenge;-

To raise £7,000, for the Railway Children's Charity, by cycling nearly 200 miles from the Crystal Palace Tower in South London to the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Well the good news is that despite commencing the challenge in some particularly atrocious weather, the intrepid team made it to Paris, along with 30 other rail industry colleagues.

To date, sponsorship pledges of over £6,000 have been made, which taking into account Gift Aid, the total raised to date is perilously close to the target of £7,000.

On behalf of the IPS team and the Railway Children, we would like to thank all of those who have contributed towards this significant achievement.



Children in Need

IPS raised a staggering £394.20 for Children in Need on Friday 18th November by organising a raffle, and baking cakes!

Well done to everyone who was involved especially Alison Stimpson (our Document Controller) who organised the event.

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