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## **BLUEWATER SYSTEMS BREAKS NEW GROUND WITH CONTRACT FOR AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE**

**Bluewater Systems, the Christchurch-based ARM technology specialist, has been awarded a contract to provide advanced electronics development services to the Defence, Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), part of the Australian Department of Defence.**

The DSTO, Australia's leading science agency dedicated to defence and national security, has awarded Bluewater Systems Ltd a contract to design and develop a component device for a highly advanced, mobile secure communications system.

Following a thorough and competitive tender process, Bluewater Systems was selected as the preferred supplier for the project, which consists of the delivery of high-tech electronic design services. Valued at close to NZ\$500,000, the contract is the company's first foray into the Defence arena.

Bluewater Systems, who recently completed a successful multi-million dollar project for NEC, is known for expertise in electronic design including compact PCB design, and the application of ARM microprocessor technology and FPGA development. The company's extensive experience ensures that it is well suited to the development of advanced electronic devices for use in both military and civilian applications.

Tim Trewinnard, General Manager of Bluewater Systems, said, "To be awarded a government contract with an organisation such as the DSTO is a significant step forward for Bluewater Systems. Not only does it show that our engineers and services are world class, but cements our position as Australasia's leading ARM Technology Solution Centre."

Doug Pauling, Chairman of the Defence Industry Committee of New Zealand, praised Bluewater for its initiative in securing an overseas defence contract. "It is

excellent news that a New Zealand company has secured a development contract for the Australian Dept. of Defence, especially as it is with a progressive organisation such as the DSTO. New Zealand companies have long been recognized for their innovation and design skills and it is important that these skills are utilised in the area of defence technology,” he said.

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**About Bluewater Systems ([www.bluewatersys.com](http://www.bluewatersys.com))**

Bluewater Systems is an independent company formed in 1996 and an *ARM Technology Solution Centre*, specialising in on board and FPGA electronic design. With offices in Christchurch, New Zealand and Melbourne, Australia, Bluewater Systems has provided services to a number of international customers, including ARM PLC, NEC, Intel, Microsoft, Nintendo and Tenon.

The Company’s vision is to enable all businesses to realise the benefits of ARM technology through tools, consulting, support and system modules. Products and services offered by Bluewater Systems include:

- Extensive range of ARM development tools
- Snapper System Module and Single Board Computer which enables fast design and turn-around and low-volume manufacture of advanced electronics designs
- ARM Consulting services, from FPGA design to full product development

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