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**SES bags another six BSF contracts worth over £30m in North of England**

Thanks to the biggest single Government investment to improve school buildings for over 50 years, the “Building Schools for the Future” (BSF) programme has ensured that construction work in the Education sector has been fairly resilient throughout the recent recession.

Working with a number of principal contractors, including Costain, Interserve and Carillion, SES is pleased to announce that, because of its wealth of experience in the education sector, it has recently secured another six new contracts to install the mechanical & electrical (M&E) services into schools in Bradford, Durham, Leeds and South Tyneside & Gateshead, worth over £30 million.

Peter Lewis, Chief Operating Officer for SES said, “The Education sector is of great importance to us, so we’re delighted to have been awarded another six BSF schools.

“We strongly believe that the partnerships we have formed provide tangible solutions and deliver real benefits for all parties involved in the BSF Programme. Our focus on listening to the students, teachers and involving the local communities ensures we leave a positive legacy for all stakeholders.

“Adding value and delivering for our customers is an intrinsic part of our relationship activities and responsibilities. We are a ‘thinking business’ – and we are refining and developing our solutions with each School that we deliver, it’s all about delivering on our promises to our customers.”

SES will be responsible for installing complex heating, air-conditioning, ventilation, sprinkler, fire alarm and CCTV systems to the six new schools, ready for completion between March and December 2010.

More than 1,000 BSF projects are already underway across 85 local authorities in England with 129 schools now open. Some 110,000 pupils are already benefiting from BSF investment across the country.

Current projections are for a further 165 schools to open in 2010-11 and over 200 a year from 2011 onwards.

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### **Editor's Notes**

1. Six new BSF schools – Priesthorpe Specialist Sports College, Leeds. Crawshaw Specialist Humanities College, Leeds. The Grange Technical College and BDS Special School, Bradford, Sedgefield Community College in Durham and Harton Technology College in South Shields.
2. SES is an award winning, industry leading building services company handling projects up to £40m for the Public and Private sectors - including Education, Healthcare, Retail, Leisure, Commercial, Industrial and Waste.
3. SES operates throughout the UK, with its Head Office in York. SES also has offices in Newcastle, Manchester, Sheffield, Coventry, London, Slough and Swindon.
4. SES employs approximately 700 people including a wide base of skilled craftsmen and a multi-disciplinary in-house design team.
5. Since its foundation more than 40 years ago, the business has been a recognised leader for quality, innovation and training and is accredited by Investors In People.
6. SES was the first building services company in the UK to achieve the OHSAS18001:1999 safety accreditation, awarded by the British Standards Institute in 2003, and is also accredited to the environmental standard ISO 14001:2004
7. SES has been named 'Mechanical and Electrical Specialist of the Year' in the 2006 and 'Best Building Services Company' in 2009 in the Construction News, Specialists Awards.

8. SES is part of Shepherd Group, one of the largest family owned private companies in Europe, with a Group turnover in excess of £650 million.