



TSL wins Red Bee contract for Channel 4 operations move

TSL has announced a major contract with Red Bee Media that will see Channel 4's playout facility move from the broadcaster's current premises to Red Bee Media's Broadcast Centre in White City, UK. The new system, designed in conjunction with Red Bee Media, will be built by TSL and will be ready for transmission in summer 2009.

TSL will build a dedicated file-based facility at Broadcast Centre, which will deliver significant improvements in the overall efficiency of the operations of Channel 4. The move encompasses the transfer of the entire Channel 4 Channel Operations Department with library, media management, QC, playout and transcoding to Red Bee Media's Broadcast Centre. The post production and graphics services will remain at the broadcaster's current premises under the management of Red Bee Media.

The new system installed by TSL will include four Omneon Spectrum media systems, in a main and back-up configuration for playout of Channel 4, More4, Film4 and E4. The Channel 4 Spectrum will deliver both SD and HD output.

Pro-Bel will supply Morpheus automation, HD Cygnus routing, HD Masterpiece master control and Morpheus control and monitoring. A Snell & Wilcox Quasar Ph.C provides Channel 4 with a motion-compensated HDTV upconverter. AXON Digital Design is supplying the modular infrastructure equipment for this project.