



## **TSL wins S4C HD facility deal**

Systems integrator TSL has been awarded a consultancy agreement that will see it play a key role in taking the Welsh language channel S4C to HD.

The core of the project will be to add interim HD playout capabilities to S4C's existing facilities in step with S4C's digital switchover, scheduled for completion in March 2010.

The contract was won under stringent EU Competitive Tender rules.

TSL is currently in the design and consultancy phase of the project, which includes detailed site visits, requirements capture and working practices review.

Once completed, a proposed design and associated costing will be presented with installation and implementation scheduled to commence shortly after that.

Following the successful switch to all-digital operations, TSL will work further with S4C to procure and install a complete HD playout facility.

TSL business development manager Bruce MacGregor said: "Under the consultancy phase of the agreement our aim is to harmoniously capture S4C's workflows and practices, which serve as the criteria for the ultimate design of their new facilities. This approach enables us to cost the overall project in an intelligent, intuitive, and highly collaborative way that achieves the best value for the customer." □ □

Ofcom has reserved capacity for Channel 4 and S4C to broadcast HD services on digital terrestrial television via Freeview.