

# United Kingdom: Ofcom - Spectrum Efficiency Scheme

This Treasury-funded research programme Spectrum Efficiency Scheme (SES) seeks technical innovation in the efficient use of the radio spectrum in the UK. In order to do this, Ofcom initiates studies in this field by a competitive tender process. The scheme aims to encourage the sharing of information between members of the radio community at the earliest possible stage in their exploration of new radio technologies and market opportunities. Collaboration may be necessary where the studies are broad in scope and require more than one contractor to carry out the work- for example a technical consultant with an economic consultant, or an academic institution.

The SES is targeted towards supporting Ofcom's, regulatory function (to ensure the optimal use of the electro-magnetic spectrum) and Ofcom's aim to remain at the forefront of technological understanding. Research projects should help us to understand technology areas relevant to new and improved exploitation of economic growth.

## Open Invitation

The nature of some SES projects requires interviews to be held with the stakeholders. This process enables Ofcom to hear the opinion of the stakeholders and reflect them in the final reports (subject to any confidentiality). To participate in these interviews, send an email to the relevant project manager. Please refer to the project page to find out which projects are holding interviews.

- [SES Projects 2003-04](#) - Updated: 22 July 2004
- [SES Projects 2004-05](#)
- [SES Projects 2005-06](#)
- [SES Projects 2006-07](#)

All research contracts will be let by competitive tender. Ofcom will select a short-list of possible contractors based on a range of factors including the performance of contractors on previous work and their skills and experience. Ofcom will then evaluate any tenders received in response and select the optimal one based on quality, price, proposed work and other factors.

**The final reports are commissioned by Ofcom to provide an independent view on the efficient use of the radio spectrum in the UK. The assumptions, conclusions and recommendations expressed in these reports are entirely those of the consultants and should not be attributed to Ofcom.**

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