

Press Release

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University of Cambridge selects PTS Consulting (incorporating Improcom) to assist with total replacement of its telecommunications network by 2009

PTS Consulting (incorporating Improcom) has been awarded a contract to assist the University of Cambridge with a project to replace the existing telephone network that will cover 17,000 phones across 210 different institutions and departments. The project will run from now until early 2009.

The University of Cambridge is a confederation of Colleges, Faculties and other institutions. It is one of the oldest and largest universities in the UK. Today Cambridge approaches its 800th anniversary. Its reputation for outstanding academic achievement is known world-wide and reflects the intellectual achievement of its students, as well as the world-class original research carried out by its staff. Over the next two years, the University aims to replace the existing telephone network, presently used by 17,000 staff members and students. Following a competitive tender process, global ICT consultancy, PTS Consulting (incorporating Improcom) will be fulfilling the contract to assist the University until early 2009 with the planning, procurement and installation project management of the replacement telephone network.

PTS Consultants will work closely with the University throughout the project using their expertise in telephony consultancy to support timely decision making on: requirements analysis; approach to procurement; draft RFP structure and content; selection criteria; evaluation model; tender evaluation outcome; recommendations on the preferred bidder; contract negotiation; and, management of the procurement and implementation programme through to project completion.

Ian Lewis, Director, University Computing Service commented:

"The University of Cambridge is delighted that it will be working with PTS consultants over the next two years to replace the University's telephone network. With a total of 17,000 users at the University, it is absolutely vital that the project runs smoothly. We are confident that the consulting team's vendor independence and experience in fixed and mobile telecommunications within Higher Education will prove invaluable in achieving our project deliverables."

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Notes to editors:

PTS Consulting Group PLC (PTS) is one of the world's leading IT consultancies with a reputation for innovation and thought leadership. PTS Consulting is also renowned for its project management expertise. As the global leader in IT relocation projects, working with some of the world's largest companies, PTS Consulting has earned a world-wide reputation for independence, professionalism and quality of service. Headquartered in the UK and founded in 1983, PTS Consulting has worked in over 40 different countries, over 50 cities and employs more than 300 staff in North America, Europe and Asia. In 2006, PTS Consulting acquired Improcom Limited, an independent specialist ICT Consultancy, based in the East Midlands. www.pts-consultinggroup.com

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