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Kent County Council selects Savant for new Business Continuity Management (BCM) system

BCM is a statutory requirement for all local government

Specialist software firm Savant Limited, has been selected by Kent County Council (KCC) to develop a Business Continuity Management (BCM) system. The Lake District based company will build a web based solution that will help KCC collate critical function data and integrate it with associated response guidance and links to other sources of information in order to safeguard the interests of its key stakeholders. The solution will support KCC's accreditation to BS25999-1:2006.

Savant's Business Development Manager, Glyn Jones explains: "As part of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, BCM is now a statutory requirement for local government. KCC had a paper based system in place but following a review in 2008, it was recognised that they needed an IT based system to provide greater flexibility and efficiency. Our role is to create a flexible, easy to use web based solution that will help the client identify in advance, as far as possible, the actions that are necessary to manage an interruption whatever the cause."

David Cloake, Head of Emergency Planning for Kent County Council commented: "We identified a need for greater flexibility in our Business Continuity Management programme. Savant's proposal showed us a degree of flexibility and a way of viewing data that far exceed our expectations. We are very much looking forward to using the new system once it goes live."

For this project, Savant will be partnering with Kendal based Merrycon Limited, who will provide specialist knowledge of Business Continuity issues and requirements.

Mel Gosling, Managing Director of Merrycon stated: "Business Continuity is a highly specialised area. Our work focuses on providing practical and pragmatic solutions appropriate to the needs of the business. Savant and Merrycon will deliver to KCC a BCM system that will provide a full business continuity solution and allow them to cope with any adverse situation they find themselves faced with."

The project is currently under way, and completion is expected by early 2010.

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Editor's Notes

Kent County Council is the largest local authority in England covering an area of 3,500 square kilometres. The Council provides a wide range of personal and strategic services on behalf of its residents, operating in partnership with 12 district councils and 289 parish/town councils.

Savant has been implementing innovative IT solutions for over 25 years. The company is the driving force behind the award winning Pulse transfusion management system and other applications such as MobileRanger, MediRisk and EuroSDS.

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