



CCT Mark – News Update 1 April 2008

CCT Mark Scheme joins CESG's Portfolio of IA Services

From 7 April 2008 the CCT Mark Scheme becomes the CESG Claims Tested Mark Scheme as it joins the portfolio of Information Assurance services provided by CESG

CESG and CSIA have been working closely over the last few months to ensure a smooth handover of responsibility on 7 April 2008 and CSIA will continue to support the CCT Mark Scheme as part of the National Information Assurance Strategy.

A successful pilot has been managed by CSIA, with clear pathways for managed expansion and with many enquiries from other sectors and countries, on how this innovative pilot scheme has been accomplished.

The Central Sponsor for Information Assurance (CSIA) is a unit within the Cabinet Office. CESG is the information assurance arm of the Government Communications Headquarters.

Interim Support Company

Expansion of the scheme through market research and promotional activities, and provision of administrative services has been assigned to an independent commercial organisation, undertaking responsibilities as the Interim Support Company to CCT Mark. This work will support CESG as they make their longer term plans for the Scheme.

Through the OGCbuying.solutions Catalist procurement framework, CESG has awarded an initial 12 month contract with London based service provider, Quadrant Consultants Ltd (Quadrant).

Quadrant is independently owned and operated and brings considerable resources and expertise as an independent support company to the CCT Mark scheme for CESG.

Quadrant will engage with vendors, test laboratories and the stakeholder communities in the wider public sector and central government, and work under the direction of CESG. They will perform three combined aspects of work in support of the Scheme:

- To undertake targeted marketing and promotion activities.
- To conduct market research for CESG to focus the future direction of the Scheme.
- To undertake day-to-day administration and management activities.

Transition Arrangements

Peter Hooper at CESG takes over as Scheme Senior Executive with effect from 7 April 2008. At Quadrant, the programme director Peter Hayes will be responsible for the development and implementation of a marketing exercise for the scheme over the coming months, and for overseeing the transition of administrative functions from CSIA.

A transition programme is now in place, in readiness for continuity through 7 April. CESG are already in contact with CCT Mark Test Laboratories and vendors about the transition arrangements.

Participants and stakeholders in the CCT Mark Scheme will be contacted by the team at Quadrant to ensure a full and seamless handover of activities.

For more information on the Scheme and the changes, visit:

CCT Mark Scheme: www.cctmark.gov.uk
CESG: www.cesg.gov.uk
Information Assurance Consultancy Services: www.cesg.gov.uk/site/iacs/index.cfm

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