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CCM SYSTEM FOR BROADCASTERS PROJECTS

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Management Process Systems Limited (MPS) today announced that their Contract Change Management (CCM) system has been selected to help manage critical technical projects at BBC Workplace which will support the migration to digital TV. The project managers are Dearle & Henderson, the quantity surveyors are Cyril Sweett, the contractor is Interserve, the engineers are Jacobs, and the architects are BDP. The projects will use the NEC Engineering and Construction Contract, and will complete in December 2007.

Derek O'Dwyer, Senior Project Manager, Dearle & Henderson said, "I believe the CCM system will help our BBC framework partners ensure cost certainty for the client, maintain project discipline and provide traceability and audit-readiness, vital in a programme of this nature."

The Internet based CCM system, provided by MPS, is designed to manage the contract change processes set out in the NEC/ECC form of contract. CCM is currently being used by an extensive range of clients around the UK, on civils, power and building projects. Key benefits include timely agreement of change, quality assured contract administration, the early completion of final account, improved contract management discipline, instant visibility of risk and change issues, improved change management, quality assured processes, consistency, instant access to risk spend data, rigorous audit trail, and instant availability of Excel reports over the web - all leading to reduced risk and reduce costs.

"Following extensive research and consultation with our partners, we decided to move to the NEC form of contract seeking collaboration, early warning of risk, and speedy agreement of change." explained Danny Leigh of BBC Workplace.

The CCM system is provided in partnership with Cantono, who provide the IT infrastructure through a managed service. The systems and infrastructure design supports an On-Demand business requirement with key partners, suppliers and clients. The application and associated databases reside on a fully managed IBM eserver configuration in a state of the art data centre using IBM Middleware.

Robin Wilkin, Operations Director of MPS said, "This group of projects is really fascinating for us because they bring together teams of people from across the UK who are able to access contract data wherever they are, over the internet. In addition, most of the managers involved are new to the NEC form of contract. This brings challenges for us in terms of training and support, however the BBC and their project managers have put a lot of effort into developing the right NEC culture into the projects, so we expect a very successful outcome."

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About Management Process Systems Limited

Management Process Systems Limited is a management services company whose mission is to deliver innovative solutions that deliver identifiable business advantage to the construction industry.

The company has extensive experience in the business processes, methodologies, information and knowledge requirements of the construction industry. This expertise and knowledge is re-enforced by a highly experienced capability to deploy Information Technology in support of business processes.

Editors Note

Information regarding MPS is available on the website www.mpsprocess.com.

Contract Change Management (CCM) is an innovative and exciting British success story on the provision of IT support to a key business process.

Hundreds of construction industry professionals from most of the large PM, QS, Engineering, and construction companies have been managing projects worth hundreds of millions of pounds using the system. These projects have included thousands of Early Warnings giving notice of new risks and Compensation Events for change management.

Client customers include EDF Energy, Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Imperial College London, Local Authorities, and many more.

Four key gains leading to reduced costs for customers using CCM are -

1. Increased productivity

Increasing workloads and shortages of skilled managers have led firms to maximise efficiency of their professional staff. CCM enables remote working, less travelling, and more effective use of key resources. Managers spend more time on decision making and less time on administration. They are also able to manage more projects.

2. Improved predictability of outcome (cost & time)

Predictability of cost and time are two of the top ten key performance measures for business excellence as identified by Constructing Excellence. CCM improves predictability, minimises surprises, facilitates speedy agreement of change, and provides very early close out of final accounts.

3. Reduced risk

CCM facilitates early warning of liabilities and opportunities, improved risk management, increased collaboration, and therefore better-informed decision making. CCM also improves contract management, which reduces the level of risk to all involved.

4. Compliance - Improved audit and visibility

CCM is a secure quality controlled system, which enables compliance in the most challenging and demanding environments. Process visibility and audit ability facilitate improved communications for all participants. Coupled with its ability to transcend location, CCM provides a powerful management tool for all members of the project team.

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