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NEC CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CCM FOR WALES

(London, 22 May 2008)

Management Process Systems Limited (MPS) today announced that their innovative Contract Change Management (CCM) system, which supports the NEC form of contract, has been selected for yet more projects in Wales. This follows the successful implementation of CCM on the Ebbw Valley Railway for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council and the Greater Bargoed Community Regeneration Scheme for Caerphilly County Borough Council, both with Capita Symonds as Project Manager. Gwynedd Council on the £13m A499 Aberdesach to Llanaelhaearn Improvement, and Transport Wales with Parsons Brinckerhoff on the £74m M4 widening project near Cardiff will now use CCM. Carillion (formerly Alfred McAlpine Project Services) is the Contractor on both schemes.

Kim Jenkins, Director of Parsons Brinckerhoff in Cardiff said, "The openness of the CCM system is pivotal in delivering this prestigious project for Transport Wales. The partnering approach makes CCM accessible to all parties and ensures that the NEC process is delivered for the benefit of all parties."

Jon Greetham of Carillion (formerly Alfred McAlpine) said, "Alfred McAlpine and Carillion have used the CCM system on a number of projects now such as the M60 Widening junctions 5 to 8, the M4 Widening junctions 29 to 32, and the Bedford Western Highway project. The introduction of CCM has enabled many aspects of 'best practice' to be achieved when dealing with and administrating change. It is a fully transparent and intuitive system which, when allied with the excellent support of MPS, has more than surpassed our expectations."

Huw Williams, Head of Service at Gwynedd Consultancy said, "The system will facilitate open and transparent partnership working."

The Internet based CCM system, provided by MPS, is designed to manage the contract change processes set out in the NEC form of contract, versions 2 and 3. 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.

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, "The ongoing growth in the use of CCM on infrastructure projects across Wales reflects the UK wide delivery capabilities of our services."

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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.



M4 Widening Junctions 29 to 32

Contract Change Management (CCM) is an innovative and award winning 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 since 2001. 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, BBC Workplace, DEFRA, Metronet Rail, Transport Wales, several Local Authorities, and many more.

MPS are members of the NEC Users Group, Constructing Excellence, and the Association for Project Management.

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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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