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**Three in a row Award Win for NEC
Contract Change Management (CCM) Service -
Contribution to construction excellence recognised at
CONSTRUCTION COMPUTING AWARDS 2009**

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This industry wide recognition by the readership of Construction Computing magazine confirms CCM's position as the leading, almost 10 year long established, collaborative, solution for NEC Contract administration. The Construction Computing Awards 2009 saw the MPS Contract Change Management (CCM) system win one of the top prizes again in the Project Planning software category.

Brian Rossiter, MPS Technical Director said, "I am delighted that CCM has demonstrated its well proven Systems Architecture and Business Process Management capabilities for NEC Contract administration. The Internet based service, built on IBM software and delivered on IBM hardware has consistently met the demands of its customers for almost 10 years. Our long experience in exploiting IBM's powerful technical capabilities and products enabled us to produce this award winning solution for collaborative working in the Construction industry. The system architecture incorporates a standard, highly configurable, workflow engine. This allows many requirements to be met by configuration rather than design change. In addition, the stability of the workflow engine allows new forms and processes to be developed and implemented rapidly as business needs change."

Robin Wilkin, Operations Director of MPS said, "Winning the award depended on the votes of our customers and users. I am very pleased that so many took time out to express their confidence in CCM. It confirms the highly favourable feedback we have obtained since its launch in 2001. CCM is well established as a Software as a Service (SaaS) service. It is has been widely used over almost 10 years across the construction industry. NEC users have played a large part in ensuring that CCM meets their demanding and evolving requirements for Contract Administration. This repeat win for CCM demonstrates that Software as a Service is now a highly desirable delivery mechanism in the construction market sector. Our company is delighted that we have been one of the pioneers in this area."

CCM is used on a range of projects for clients such as the Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Imperial College London, BBC Workplace, DEFRA, Metronet Rail, Transport Wales, several Local Authorities, and many more.

It has also been used by most of the major consultant engineers, project managers and quantity surveyors including Mott MacDonald, Franklin + Andrews, Capita Symonds, WSP, Arup, Halcrow, Mouchel, Jacobs, Owen Williams, Amey, Scott Wilson, Davis Langdon, EC Harris, Turner & Townsend, Faithful + Gould, Gardiner & Theobald, Currie & Brown, WYG, Gleeds, Kiley, Cyril Sweett, Chandlers KBS, Cox PM, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and Appleyards.

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

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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.

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

The application and associated databases reside on a fully managed IBM server configuration in a state of the art data centre using IBM Middleware.

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 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.

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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