



# Press Release

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**PTS Consulting Group, March 2010**

***PTS Consulting Group PLC acquires Partnership Education Ltd***

World-leading IT Consultancy and Project Management services provider, PTS Consulting Group PLC (PTS) has successfully acquired Partnership Education Ltd (PEL), a leading educational ICT consultancy and IT managed services business based in Bedfordshire in the UK.

In addition to its successful ICT managed services support for Schools, PEL has a broad educational management consultancy portfolio, including:

- Specialist experience of authenticated research into schools ICT
- MIS design
- Developing and delivering teaching and learning strategies
- Coaching, mentoring and CPD development

All of these services fully complement PTS' existing IT consultancy service propositions in the education sector.

PTS has been providing professional ICT consultancy services to clients within the education industry for twenty seven years, establishing it as one of the leading and influential independent advisors in the sector. Through the Becta Framework, PTS and PEL have enjoyed a close business relationship and delivery partnership during the past two years. The acquisition agreement between the two organisations was a natural progression from this established and successful working relationship and, as such, provides the education sector with a valuable and unique combination of intellectual capital in both broad educational and technical ICT consultancy and managed services.

The newly expanded PTS and PEL team will ensure that PTS Consulting's clients continue to benefit from the transfer of knowledge, ideas and best practice from across the education spectrum.

PEL already delivers an IT managed service to schools in the Bedfordshire area, and is considered to be the primary provider of these services in the County. A team of technicians provides on-site assistance and off-site support via its helpdesk service. This skill and experience base also enhances PTS Consulting's existing Managed Services and IT support service, which is run from PTS Consulting's Group headquarters in central London.

Steve Kidd, Managing Director, PTS Consulting EMEA commented: *"This is an exciting development for the future of the PTS Consulting Group. Partnership Education has an excellent track record of providing Educational ICT consultancy within the UK and, operationally, has a close cultural similarity to PTS in terms of quality, values and project approach. Both the PTS and the Partnership Education brands are well-respected in the industry and together form a holistic vision of ICT that we are proud to take to our education clients."*

Peter Dunne, Director, PEL Ltd said: *"I am just delighted to be making the partnership official. The acquisition of Partnership Education by PTS Consulting cements a tie that has been formed over time through both a common culture and a shared reflection on how educational ICT projects can deliver real impact. Since its inception in 2006, Partnership Education has believed in delivering first class service support for transformational teaching and learning change strategies to schools and colleges. Alongside PTS, our clients will now have a broad and unrivalled pool of knowledge*



*at their fingertips. From educational and ICT vision and beyond through to technology design, procurement and implementation project management and support, we aspire to add value to the industry in such a way that will ultimately improve the future learning, social and economic environment for young people in our society.”*

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**Partnership Education** was formed in 2006 from personnel drawn from state sector support teams with substantial school-based experience to deliver first class service support for transformational teaching and learning change strategies. PEL has a highly qualified and experienced team of consultants covering all phases of Education, with particular focus on supporting ICT, change management, and Transforming Learning and Teaching.