



Press Release

PTS Consulting EMEA, July 2009:

PTS Consulting wins place on the Becta Consultancy Framework



Becta, the UK government agency leading the national drive to ensure the effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning, has awarded PTS Consulting a four-year framework agreement to provide Educational ICT, Technical ICT and Procurement Consultancy services to the education sector.

Becta has launched a revised Consultancy Services Framework which will provide the education sector with quick, easy and efficient access to high quality consultancy services from trusted suppliers. This revised framework runs from June 2009 to May 2013 and provides education sector customers with an EU-compliant route to procure high quality consultancy services from approved suppliers.

Dr Stephen Lucey, Executive Director Strategic Technologies, at Becta said: *"We have devoted a considerable amount of expertise and resources to deliver a framework agreement with the best ICT consultancy suppliers who have proven their strengths and capabilities during a stringent evaluation process. These suppliers will be a major force supporting Becta's strategy to ensure that the education sector's investment in ICT delivers real benefit to learners and the nation as a whole."*

As a Becta certified supplier, it is recognised that PTS has the expertise to deliver the most cost effective ICT solutions into education. PTS will play a significant role in the timely and effective provision of ICT for the major new capital build and regeneration programmes, both in the schools and the further education sectors.

Steve Moss, Strategic Director for ICT at Partnerships for Schools says: *"Partnerships for Schools welcomes the announcement by Becta of the new Framework. High quality advice and consultancy is vital for local authorities and schools as they plan for and engage in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, and in particular when it comes to making decisions about ICT which can help transform how students learn and how teachers teach. The Becta ICT Consultancy Framework is a valuable tool for helping local authorities to get good advice for their BSF projects."*

Roger Hutchinson, Regional Director for PTS Consulting added: *"Having worked with over 100 Universities, 40 Further Education Colleges, BSF schemes and a number of Academies and Pathfinder Schools, we have acquired considerable expertise and knowledge of addressing the challenges faced by the education sector. Working alongside our education specialist colleagues at Partnership Education Ltd, we can deliver the full range of Educational and Technology services that clients demand. This new framework arrangement will greatly simplify procurement of our specialist consultancy services for all of our education sector clients."*

More details can be found at <http://www.ptsconsulting.com/content.asp?id=214> or through contacting Roger Hutchinson (becta@pts-consulting.co.uk / 020 7539 6333).

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About PTS Consulting:

PTS Consulting Group PLC (PTS) is one of the world's leading IT consultancies with a reputation for innovation and thought leadership. PTS is also renowned for its project management expertise. As the global leader in IT relocation projects, working with some of the world's largest companies, PTS has earned a world-wide reputation for independence, professionalism and quality of service. Headquartered in the UK and founded in 1983, PTS has worked in over 70 different countries, 250 cities and employs more than 330 staff in the Americas, EMEA and Asia-Pacific. www.ptsconsulting.com

About Becta:

Becta is the government agency leading the national drive to ensure the effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning. It is Becta's ambition to utilise the benefits of technology to create a more exciting, rewarding and successful experience for learners of all ages and abilities, enabling them to achieve their potential. For more information, please visit www.becta.org.uk

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