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ICS SOLUTIONS AND PROGRAM FRAMEWORK FORM NEW PARTNERSHIP.

ICS Solutions and Program Framework have entered into a mutual partnership. ICS Solutions are the UK's no 1 SharePoint partner with over 300 SharePoint Consultants, over 8 years experience and delivery of 150 projects, whilst Program Framework is a leading UK based consultancy specialising in the deployment of Enterprise Project Management (EPM) and Portfolio, Programme & Project (PPM) control solutions powered by Microsoft technologies.

Program Framework have recently signed up as a partner to ICS Solutions, who are working with Program Framework to help their clients implement SharePoint 2010 through their Dip into SharePoint 2010 site.

Solutions Business Director at ICS Solutions, Andrew Smith says; "ICS Solutions have been successfully working with partners for over 4 years with the DreamTeam Service and the SharePoint Advantage Program for Partners builds on this success. By providing our partners with access to our SharePoint service propositions, IP and resource pool, we can help them win more business and add more value to their installed base of clients."

The partnership between ICS Solutions and Program Framework will mean that their customer base get access to SharePoint consulting expertise and assistance. Program Framework's clients are interested in exploiting the power of SharePoint to improve productivity and efficiency through the deployment of collaboration solutions and like all clients are trying to maximise their investment in SharePoint software. By working closely with the account team at Program Framework, ICS Solutions are able to help clients understand the benefits of SharePoint 2010 and exploit the software platform to deliver solutions that support the business.

"Program Framework is delighted to be part of this double Microsoft gold partnership with one of the UK's fastest-growing technology companies," said director Lawrie Siteman. "The combined strength of Program Framework's exceptional enterprise project and portfolio management skills and experience together with ICS Solutions' acknowledged expertise in providing SharePoint services creates a powerful new market-leading force for the benefit of clients across all sectors of business and industry."

Dip into SharePoint 2010 is a free portal which simplifies the evaluation of SharePoint 2010 by providing zero hassle, instant online access to your own unique, private and customisable SharePoint 2010 beta trial. With full site administration access, the Dip into SharePoint 2010 portal removes the barriers to evaluating SharePoint 2010 and makes the free trial available to all levels of user. It gives multiple users the ability to share information in the same private space without the hassle of installing the beta software locally – saving on time, money and IT resources.

The partnership provides Program Framework and their client's with access to a co-branded SharePoint 2010 site collection where clients can complete a full evaluation of SharePoint 2010 (www.dipintosharepoint2010.co.uk/partners/program-framework). With full site administration access, the Dip into SharePoint 2010 portal removes the barriers to evaluating SharePoint 2010 and makes the free trial available to all levels of user. It gives multiple users the ability to share information in the same private space without the hassle of installing the beta software locally – saving on time, money and IT resources.

The Dip into SharePoint 2010 Portal provides users with all of the tools and information required to complete an in-depth evaluation of SharePoint 2010. Be one of the first to fully evaluate SharePoint 2010 by trying it for free AT www.dipintosharepoint2010.co.uk.

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About ICS Solutions

With access to over 300 SharePoint experts ICS Solutions are the UK's leading Microsoft SharePoint Partner. ICS has worked with SharePoint since its launch in 2001 implementing nearly 200 customer solutions in that time. We provide SharePoint services to many household names including (HBOS, 3i, Microsoft, Virgin Vie, Food Standards Agency, Jupiter Asset Management.)

Working with Microsoft early on in the SharePoint 2010 life cycle through early adoption programs we believe that our Dip into SharePoint 2010 website was the world's first commercial SharePoint 2010 website going live on December the 1st 2009, 8 working days after the beta was launched.

About Program Framework

Program Framework is a leading UK based consultancy specialising in the deployment of Enterprise Project Management (EPM) and Portfolio, Programme & Project (PPM) control solutions powered by Microsoft technologies. It is a Microsoft Gold Certified partner and has established partnerships with other consultancies, including Microsoft's Consulting Services, where Program Framework supplements these partners' capabilities with its specific skill sets.

Notes to Editors:

1. Terms and conditions apply – click here for more information
<http://www.dipintosharepoint2010.co.uk/Pages/Terms-Of-Use.aspx>.
2. To review Dip into SharePoint 2010 for yourself, please follow the sign up process listed below:
Step 1) Sign up at www.dipintosharepoint2010.co.uk (please select 'I am a Journalist/Press Officer' under 'Reason for Trial')
Step 2) Receive the URL to the main SharePoint Advantage site which contains hundreds of SharePoint 2010 resources (www.sharepointadvantage.co.uk)
Step 3) Receive login details to your private SharePoint 2010 beta site and evaluate SharePoint 2010 for yourself.
3. Note: The sites use Microsoft Silverlight parts to show the homepage information and the inner page search results, Microsoft Silverlight will need to be installed to see these.
4. The enterprise edition SharePoint features on the site will be launched in phases over the next few weeks, available at launch are Microsoft Office Online, Business Intelligence and Collaboration.

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