



CONNAUGHT PLC MOVES AND CONSOLIDATES
TIER 4 DATA CENTRE WITH CSA WAVERLEY





Leading provider of integrated asset management services to the public and private sector, Connaught plc, has appointed CSA Waverley to move and deliver a complete IT infrastructure across two new sites as part of a broader £5M five year project to help the group stay ahead of increasing data demands.

The new environment will enable replication to increase efficiency between Connaught's 68 offices across England, Scotland and Wales.

Like many pro-active organisations, Connaught plc faced the challenge of increasing its data storage, back-up and infrastructure but lacked physical space and power to meet the required demands.



With data playing a central role in driving Connaught's business, the ICT that supports it is at the heart of customer satisfaction. With greater capacity the company's network of 2500 PC users could operate with enhanced efficiency for more equitable business.

Infrastructure and storage solutions specialist, CSA Waverley put forward an innovative end-to-end proposal that included design, procurement, implementation and support for moving core server infrastructure from the company's HQ in Exeter to two new centers in London.

As part of a major project, CSA Waverley is set to consolidate servers and virtualise storage using VM Ware to reduce the physical server estate from over 150 to just 40, using HP blade server technology. The solution uses HP EVA SAN technology, Cisco switching and network infrastructure plus HP MSL tape libraries for back-up.

Connaught Plc Operations Manager, Peter Housley, said: "Our data centre is pivotal to the operations of our business, it is our life blood. So, as the business grows so the system and its infrastructure has to evolve with it, both driving the business forward and supporting existing operations.



"As part of a landmark move we have rationalised our entire network and the next stage is the consolidation and migration to two new core data centre sites.



"Our operations dictate we need agile 24x7 fail-safe systems, ongoing increased efficiency and functionality. CSA Waverley's approach and technical prowess has been innovative and creative. We look forward to seeing our needs met and their dynamic end-to-end solution fundamentally decreasing our management overhead as a result."

This current roll-out sees CSA Waverley chalk up another major private sector account, applying its wealth of knowledge having dealt with extensive NHS and public sector programmes.

Notes to editors:

About CSA Waverley

CSA Waverley was established in 1983 and is a leading provider of end-to-end IT infrastructure solutions majoring in healthcare and manufacturing markets with products from leading manufacturers such as Hewlett-Packard (Unix and Windows servers), Microsoft, Intersystems, Cisco, Citrix, Veritas and VMWare. The company prides itself on customer service excellence and technical consultancy.

About Connaught Plc

Connaught is one of the UK's leading providers of integrated asset management services to public and private property. It has two divisions: Social Housing and Compliance Services, Connaught's headquarters are in Exeter and it has offices throughout England. Over the last two years Connaught has also expanded into the Scottish and Welsh markets.

Connaught's Social Housing Division provides refurbishment, maintenance and estate management services for council house estates run by Local Authorities (LAs), Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMOs) and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) throughout the UK.

Connaught's Compliance Services division is primarily a gas servicing business and also provides a range of electrical, fabric, fire and water maintenance services. The division benefits from growing regulative requirements and awareness of compliance issues. There are also major cross-selling opportunities. Connaught is the largest player in a highly fragmented market and there is potential to expand into the public sector.

Connaught is proud to be winner of the Partnering Contractor of the Year and Tenant Care Scheme of the Year as well as achieving its 15th RoSPA gold award this year.

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