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## **Capgemini Wins Preferred Bidder Status at Learning and Skills Council**

*New Five-Year IT Partnership Expected to Start in January 2008*

**London, October 08, 2007 – The Learning and Skills Council has named Capgemini UK plc as its preferred bidder in its mission to select a long-term IT partner for the five-year period from 2008-2013. The decision follows the LSC’s review of competitive proposals from several leading national and multinational vendors.**

Both parties expect to finalise the contract by mid-November with the transition of IT from the LSC’s two current incumbent partners to Capgemini beginning in January 2008. The value of the contract will be announced when it is signed.

Following contract finalisation, Capgemini will become the LSC’s prime IT partner with responsibilities spanning all core business systems and including IT infrastructure, applications and networking, as well as support for some 3,000 desktop users across a number of LSC locations. Capgemini will also be required to deploy its global expertise in technology to ensure that IT support across the Council moves forward and is continuously maintained at optimum levels throughout the five-year period.

The main reasons for Capgemini’s success against competing bids are the quality, expertise and insight of its detailed and cost-effective proposals, supported by outstanding references from its existing UK outsourcing and consulting clients in the public and private sectors including the Department for Children, Schools and Families (formerly the Department for Education and Skills).

The LSC says that efficient management of information is vital to its mission to improve the skills of England’s young people and adults to ensure the nation has a workforce of world-class standard.

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### **About Capgemini**

Capgemini, one of the world’s foremost providers of Consulting, Technology and Outsourcing services, enables its clients to transform and perform through technologies. Capgemini provides its clients with insights and

capabilities that boost their freedom to achieve superior results through a unique way of working, which it calls the Collaborative Business Experience. Capgemini reported 2006 global revenues of EUR 7.7 billion and employs more than 80,000 people worldwide. More information is available at [www.capgemini.com](http://www.capgemini.com).

### **About the Learning and Skills Council**

The Learning and Skills Council exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. We have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to ensure we have a workforce of world-class standard.

The LSC is responsible for planning and funding high quality education and training for everyone in England other than those in universities.

Our vision is that by 2010, young people and adults in England have knowledge and skills matching the best in the world and are part of a truly competitive workforce.

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