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## **Environment Agency of England and Wales partners with Capgemini for a green IT contract**

**PARIS, November 13, 2009 – The Environment Agency of England and Wales has chosen Capgemini to provide the partial outsourcing of IT services under a new seven year IT service contract which aims to be the greenest in government. It should see the Environment Agency reduce IT carbon emissions by around 50 percent within the next few years.**

Environmental considerations have been the core of the design of the service – from the production and transportation of hardware, to energy savings for each end-user. Further green measures will include reduction, reuse and recycling of hardware, while all disposals will be done under strict Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations. It is the first time that such a comprehensive set of green measures has been formally set within a U.K. IT contract. It is widely accepted that IT usage globally contributes to two percent of the total carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to that usually attributed to aviation. For these reasons, the Environment Agency has contracted with Capgemini to ensure that this service can be reused by Government and other public sector organizations.

In designing a framework with environmental measures built in from the outset, such as equipment purchase, its delivery and use on the desk, through to its ultimate disposal, the total cost of IT purchase and operation should be reduced. The result is that public sector organizations and businesses can not only improve their environmental performance, but also can make long-term cost savings.

Graham Ledward, Director of Resources at the Environment Agency said: *“This contract not only aims to exceed the Government’s sustainable IT targets, it also sets a high standard for environmental performance which we hope that other public sector organizations and businesses would wish to reflect.”*

*Ledward continued, “The real message of success is that a green IT contract can be frugal, cost-effective and environmentally beneficial. The Environment Agency is not only reducing its carbon emissions, it’s also saving money in the long term. We will effectively do more for less.”*

Christine Hodgson, Vice President and member of the Capgemini Group Executive Committee, said: *“We are proud to have won this important contract on the strength of the value of our proposition to the Environment Agency and our commitment to sustainable IT. We believe this contract should become a benchmark that will shape and influence how other organizations in the public and private sectors adopt sustainable IT as a business benefit, and that where the Environment Agency has led, others will inevitably follow.”*

With much of the Environment Agency’s existing IT provision reaching the end of its useful lifecycle, this contract means that the organization will be more efficient and flexible in meeting its future challenges. This will underpin the delivery of the Environment Agency’s ambitious new Corporate Strategy 2010-2015, which was unveiled on Tuesday (November 10, 2009).

### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Details of the service**

This is a full Infrastructure and Application Management Outsource with the exception of Applications Development. There are some 300 plus staff in-scope and the outsource covers critical applications such as Flood Warning and Waste Management.

Included in scope are Hosting services, Application Operations and Maintenance, Service Desk, Desk Side Support, Network Services and several cross functional services such as Disaster Recovery, Governance, Security, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Management, Project and Service Delivery Management, and Quality.

#### **About the Environment Agency**

The Environment Agency is an Executive Non-departmental Public Body responsible to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and an Assembly Sponsored Public Body responsible to the National Assembly for Wales.

The Environment Agency’s aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development. The Environment Agency plays a central role in delivering the environmental priorities of central government and the Welsh Assembly Government through its functions and roles.

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