

Metron News Release

METRON WINS NEW FIVE YEAR CONTRACT WITH FUJITSU FOR POST OFFICE® AUTOMATION SYSTEM

February 10th 2006 Taunton, Somerset, UK: Metron Limited, Europe's leading capacity planning and performance management specialist, announces that it has been awarded an extension to its agreement with Fujitsu Services for the Horizon Project to March 2010, which has seen the automation of 14,500 Post Office® branches and 35,000 counter positions throughout the UK. Metron's Athene product is used continuously to monitor, collect data and provide real-time performance metrics on all the Horizon systems. The Post Office® network is larger than all the main UK banks and building societies combined and is one of the largest and most secure in Europe.

James Stinchcombe, Senior Solution Architect for the Post Office® Account at Fujitsu said: "Over the past couple of years, the post offices have introduced a number of new services, including mobile phone top-ups, on-line checking for car tax and Chip & Pin. We have used Athene extensively to monitor how much spare capacity we have on existing platforms which need to run an additional application, and to test new platforms and new applications.

"Athene continues to work very well for Fujitsu, and the product has contributed significantly to the success of the Horizon Project. As new applications are rolled out by the Post Office®, Athene will continue to play an extremely important role."

Metron's Athene is installed on 35,000 Windows servers, handling the counter positions, as well as handling Oracle databases and Solaris and Windows NT and Windows 2000 servers.

Paul Shimell, a director of Metron, said: "I am delighted that we are to continue working with Fujitsu for a further five years on the Post Office® automation project. In this type of environment, we can really see the strengths of Athene - its ability to handle multiple systems using different tools and different formats, and then bring together all this disparate data into a single management and reporting system."

Notes for editors

About Metron Technology Ltd.

Metron Technology was founded in 1986 and is Europe's leading Performance Management and Capacity Planning specialist. At Metron we are committed to continue developing products to provide IT users the maximum benefits at the least cost. We are delivering this by creating automated products that embody an increasing level of intelligence to address the continuing evolution and complexity of hardware environments and software applications.

Metron's Athene performance management software is the most cost-effective product in its class providing fully integrated ITIL®-compliant capacity management with automatic performance analysis and reporting for UNIX, Linux, Windows and Mainframe Servers.

In Europe Athene is installed for clients such as T-Mobile, WH Smith, O₂, Nestle, LloydsTSB, and a number of government agencies. The company works in partnership with leading IT suppliers such as Hewlett Packard, Microsoft Systems, VMware, Computer Associates, IBM, Capgemini, and Oracle. The world's leading outsourcing companies and half the UK's top 100 companies are now using Athene combined with expert ITIL® consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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