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CESG launch new Certified Cyber Security Consultancy scheme

Scheme for Government and industry

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USPA NEWS - CESG launch new Certified Cyber Security Consultancy scheme for government and industry. CESG, the Information Security Arm of GCHQ, has today announced the launch of a new scheme which will provide government and industry customers with expert advice to meet their cyber security needs.

The Certified Cyber Security Consultancy scheme is a new approach designed to help government, the wider public sector and industry obtain the right cyber security consultancy services and by doing so help them protect their information and conduct business online safely. This new scheme will provide a wide range of consultancy services, delivered by commercial companies and assessed by CESG, to meet the demand for high quality, tailored, expert advice in the field of cyber security.

Against a backdrop of increasingly complex and sophisticated cyber threats, and the government need for secure IT solutions as it puts more and more services online, demand for trusted cyber security advice is set to grow. The new approach launched today will help to meet that demand by fostering partnerships with commercial companies of all sizes, offering government and industry access to a wide choice of trusted suppliers.

Using its deep technical expertise as the National Technical Authority for Information Assurance, CESG has set the standard for cyber security consultancy against which industry suppliers of cyber security advice will be evaluated.

Ciaran Martin, GCHQ´s Director General for Cyber Security said: "The launch of this scheme is a big step forward for UK cyber security. There's only so much an organisation like GCHQ can and should do directly. This new scheme will significantly enhance the pool of trusted cyber security advice available from private providers".

To achieve certification, companies must demonstrate a proven track record of working with customers, and show that they maintain an awareness of the cyber threat environment, giving government and other customer´s confidence in the advice they receive. Customers will be able to select the most suitable cyber security consultancy from a list on the CESG web site (click on link below).

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