COMPANIES UNDER ACCREDITATION@IDA PROGRAMME WIN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

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Smart Nation will create an environment that provides new growth and market opportunities for businesses in Singapore. Various initiatives launched by The Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) to support the Smart Nation vision are showing encouraging results.

Accreditation@IDA helps young innovative Singapore-based tech companies build their credentials, and to be in a better position to win projects by government agencies and large enterprises. Eight companies have been accredited in less than a year since the initiative took off in July 2014. Of these eight accredited companies, KAI Square and Inspire-Tech have successfully won two new government projects, and three more projects are undergoing final evaluations. These are estimated to be worth more than a million Singapore dollars.

"We set up the Accreditation@IDA programme to help promising Singapore-based young tech companies grow their business, as well as to bring new innovation into Government services. With the robustness of the accreditation process, the participating companies have been able to improve the quality of their products and business structures. We have worked with our Government CIO teammates to open doors for the accredited companies, helping them bring their new ideas and technologies to key stakeholders and decision makers across Government. The results so far have been amazing, with accredited companies having developed a pipeline of more than 100 projects in cooperation with at least 50 agencies, worth potentially many millions of dollars to these small companies," said Mr Steve Leonard, Executive Deputy Chairman, IDA.

Separately, the first major phase of the Multi-Tier Cloud Security (MTCS) Singapore Standard (SS) 584 has been completed and 13 Cloud Service Providers (CSP) are now certified across different tiers. To ensure greater security assurance for data sensitivity and business criticality for enterprises, IDA will be launching a new programme named Support for Cloud-enabled Certified Secure Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) or SUCCESS in short.

SUCCESS seeks to collaborate with MTCS-certified Infrastructure-as-a-Service CSPs to encourage and support more Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) with Software-as-a-Service offerings towards MTCS certification. ISVs sign on to host their services on a SUCCESS partner for a range of incentives. In return, they will undertake MTCS certification for their SaaS, encouraging their adoption of sound risk management and security practices.

Some of these incentives can include SaaS Enablement Support, Training & Professional Services Support, Technical Consultancy Support and Discounted Pricing for Cloud Services. Interested ISVs can start applying from 3 June 2015.

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Related Resources

Annex A: Factsheet on Accreditation@IDA

Annex B: Factsheet on Multi-Tier Cloud Security Singapore Standard

About Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore

The mission of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) is to develop information technology and telecommunications within Singapore with a view to serve citizens of all ages and companies of all sizes. IDA does this by actively supporting the growth of innovative technology companies and start-ups in Singapore, working with leading global IT companies as well as developing excellent information technology and telecommunications infrastructure, policies and capabilities for Singapore. For more news and information, visit www.ida.gov.sg. Follow IDA on Facebook and Twitter.

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