

IT Business Services Group, Parity ranks top in supply of IT Contractors



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Press Release Summary: Parity Resources, the recruitment arm of Parity Group, has succeeded in topping all other firms in the supply of specialist IT contractors through OGC buying solutions frameworks

Press Release Body: Figures just released by the **Office of Government Commerce (OGC)** reveal that **Parity Resources** ranks top in the supply of IT Contractors through Catalist and S-Cat frameworks. **Parity's** turnover for 2006/7 hit £30m and has proved untouchable by their nearest rival at £15m and looks set to continue for 2007/8. *"This is a fantastic performance, and clearly demonstrates our commitment and ability to recruit scarce IT skills into key projects within the Public Sector"*, said **David Plummer, MD of Parity Resources**.

Plummer, recently critical of the issues around inadequate resource planning and the link with project failure, warns about the traditional model of contract employment not being viable in the current climate. The current high demands for IT resources mean that organisations are not only having to pay higher market rates to secure key IT skills but also risk not having those resources available when they need them, adding further risk of projects going over time and budget.

"Managers need to be far more astute when recruiting to ensure both the timing of the introduction of skilled workers is right and quality is high enough to meet the project goals. This is what we strive to do

and how we aim to help our Public Sector clients. It's not easy, requiring a high level of commitment to find the right people, and clearly we do this better than anyone else", emphasised Plummer.

Parity Resources supplies specialist contractors in IT, Project and Programme Management and IT Interim Management categories for Catalist, the new IT and business services catalogue, and to its predecessor S-Cat. Parity Resources has enjoyed excellent relations over many years across a broad base of Public Sector departments. Catalist was conceived by public body OGC to reduce the time and complexity of public sector purchasing and reduce procurement cycles.

"From the start (we first specialised in the sector back in 1990) our focus on the Public Sector has been both keen and aggressive. We have made some significant investments in organising and resourcing the business to better understand and meet the demands of the Public Sector, which are invariably high and exacting. This focus, investment and performance has not happened by chance, and we remain committed to both improving and growing the business, through Catalist and the various other buying frameworks. We are not complacent and fully intend to continue to out perform our competitors and the market", was the ambitious message from Plummer.

Parity Resources' Public Sector performance mirrors their year on year growth in the IT Contractor and [Permanent IT recruitment](#) markets. **Parity Resources** have an active IT jobs board and specialise in Prince2 jobs, public sector jobs, [IT security jobs](#) and [IT support jobs](#).

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Parity is a leading IT Business services organisation delivering technical, recruitment and training solutions to the UK and Irish markets. **Parity** focus on the key areas of project, programme and IT service management. Parity's Training business educates client's own staff in these skill areas; their Resources business recruits highly skilled short term, interim and permanent staff; and their Solutions business takes total delivery responsibility for IT projects and programmes as well as the ongoing delivery of IT applications and business processes.

Parity has deep industry knowledge and expertise in Finance, Utilities, Telecoms and the Public Sector delivering people, skills and concepts for IT projects and programmes throughout the UK. **Parity** have provided these services to a range of notable clients, including Hewlett Packard, IBM, Ministry of Defence, Royal Bank of Scotland, Northern Ireland Electricity, Siemens and GlaxoSmithKline.

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