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Media Statement

Local IT firms in national spotlight

Three Perth IT companies have demonstrated their technological ingenuity by succeeding in a national competition.

As winners of the *Secrets of Australian IT Innovation* competition, the companies – PiVOD Technologies of Nedlands, Secure Systems Ltd of East Perth and Norwood Systems Pty Ltd of Subiaco - now have an opportunity to promote their products and services to the world's IT business leaders.



The competition is one of the highlights of the World Congress on IT which will be held in Adelaide from 25 February to 1 March.

The companies were today congratulated by Dr Paul Schapper, Director General of the Department of Industry and Technology (DoIT), which is sponsoring the congress run by the World Information Technology Services Alliance. This global body represents 43 national IT bodies.

“This competition gave companies, research organisations and universities an opportunity to demonstrate their innovation in e-commerce, security, wireless technology and a host of other IT applications,” Dr Schapper said.

"One of the criteria was a high level of ingenuity with technologies which have global potential. It is therefore not really surprising that Western Australia should do well, as it has a number of IT companies making their mark in the world marketplace."

Each of the companies now has the opportunity to make a presentation at the Adelaide conference.

Dr Schapper said the firms' success was also Western Australia's, because it provided a further opportunity to highlight this State's IT capability at a highly important forum.

Secure Systems has developed a hardware data security device which it markets as the world's only non-cryptographic, fully exportable security device of its kind.

Norwood Systems' in-office mobile communications solution allows a Bluetooth-enabled mobile phone, Bluetooth headset or a PDA (personal digital assistant) to be wirelessly linked to the existing local area network (LAN) and PBX infrastructure, while the user moves freely about the office.

PIVoD's communications technology is used to improve the management and operation of entertainment venues such as museums and theme parks.

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