

## Sport Wales Raises the Bar on Security with Sysec

*Sysec supports Sports Wales with Identity and Access Management Technology and Services*

**Reading, UK – Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010** - Sysec ([www.sysec.co.uk](http://www.sysec.co.uk)) has been selected by Sport Wales (chwaraeoncymru), [www.sportwales.org.uk](http://www.sportwales.org.uk), the national organisation for developing sport and active lifestyles, to provide an identity and access management solution for employees located at their offices and national sporting centres throughout the country.

Sport Wales focuses on delivering the goals set out in the Welsh Assembly Government's 'Climbing Higher' strategy for a physically active and sporting nation. The organisation is successfully increasing levels of success and participation in sport and physical activity throughout the nation.

More young people in Wales than ever before are taking part in sport and the organisation is also providing Welsh athletes the comprehensive and cutting edge sports science and medicine support that assisted Wales' success in the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Indeed, it was the most successful Olympic outing for any Welsh contingent in 100 years and Welsh athletes also notched up around 25% of Paralympic GB's gold medal haul in Beijing.

With almost 170 employees based in offices and two national sports centres, Sport Wales needs a flexible and highly secure capability to enable their employees to access the organisation's network and corporate information resources from any location.

According to Simon Napper, ICT Manager at Sport Wales, "Sport Wales aims to get every child in Wales hooked on sport for life - so our employees spend a lot of time working in local communities. As we also manage the allocation of lottery funding to sport in Wales, it is essential that our employees can quickly access information to update organisations on the status of funding bids."

"The quickest way to do this is to ensure that they can access the IT resources they need from anywhere without compromising the security of our network or exposing confidential information to unauthorised users."

Sport Wales chose Sysec as their technology partner for the project as the result of a tender process in accordance with public sector procurement requirements. Sysec is applying a consultative approach to the design and implementation of the solution to ensure that the Sport Wales ICT team is skilled in the technology and fully-trained to implement the roll-out and ongoing management of the solution to all users.

Sysec proposed a technology solution using ActivIdentity smartcard technology for credential management supported by Thales Hardware Security infrastructure to manage encryption processing and protection for business critical applications.

Andy Bryars, Security Consultant at Sysec, commented "Sport Wales is a prime example of a public sector organisation seeking to use IT more effectively to increase the productivity of employees without compromising the security or confidentiality of information. The solution that we are implementing for Sport Wales also includes the capability to manage physical access to facilities with photo ID incorporated into the smartcard and can enable proximity printing to simplify access to network printing facilities from any location."

Simon Napper added, "Sysec has provided Sport Wales with a comprehensive technology solution and the support and documentation for our identity and access management needs. This partnership approach makes it easier for our IT team to manage the full deployment and management of the solution."

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