Business must support staff training, says IT Governance as UK Government announces new cyber skills projects

ELY , UK, December 18, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Cyber security firm IT Governance is calling for more support from businesses, following the Cabinet Office's announcement of new cyber skills programmes at an event hosted on 12 December 2014.

Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office, was quoted in an official press release: "As part of this government's long-term economic plan we want to ensure that Britain is one of the safest places to do business online. Over the past 3 years we have taken a strategic approach to improving cyber security, working with others to deliver schools programmes, certified 6 Masters degrees, 2 centres for doctoral training and 11 Academic Centres of Excellence."

Alan Calder, founder and executive chairman of IT Governance, said, "The UK Government's initiatives to encourage more people to pursue a career in cyber security are very welcome, but they won't have immediate effect on the cyber skills gap. Businesses must be more proactive in providing training opportunities for professional staff that aim to tackle the cyber skills shortage today."

The government's press release also stated that "increasing the number of people with the right cyber skills is vital for both government and industry as we collectively face the reality of cyber threats."

Calder adds, "Today's cyber security workforce requires a combination of hard and soft skills in order to be successful. There is more pressure on cyber security professionals to be able to communicate to the board and speak its language, as well as to develop management skills. Keeping up-to-date with new technology developments and changes in the cyber threat landscape is also essential."

Organisations can benefit from some new initiatives launched to support employee training, which result in business growth and improved competitiveness. The government's Cyber security skills: a guide for business explains how individual businesses can participate and benefit from the initiatives.

Calder concludes, "As a major provider of cyber security management courses, we have witnessed some organisations' indecisiveness as to whether they should invest in training. It's sad to see that delegates are sometimes forced to self-fund if their employer does not support them. The reality is that supporting the development of your staff's cyber security skills helps you secure your company."

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