

IT Governance congratulates client Agenda Resource Management on achieving Cyber Essentials certification

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [IT Governance](#), the leading cyber security services provider and CREST-accredited certification body for the UK Government's [Cyber Essentials scheme](#), congratulates Agenda Resource Management on achieving [Cyber Essentials certification](#).

Alan Calder, the founder and executive chairman of IT Governance, says, "I am pleased to congratulate Agenda Resource Management on their successful certification.

"Cyber Essentials compliance is essential for organisations that work with government institutions. It helps businesses improve their cyber security defences while also gaining a competitive edge."

Chris Withers, IT Manager at Agenda, said: "Agenda Resource Management are already certified to ISO/IEC 27001:2013, the information security management standard, we felt that the Cyber Essentials certification was of real value and shows to our stakeholders that we take cyber security seriously.

"Cyber Essentials is very prescriptive and tells you what controls you must have in place in order to meet the requirements of the scheme. This is also backed up by an independent vulnerability scan.

"If all business implement Cyber Essentials as a minimum standard it would be a real game changer in terms of raising the minimum standard of cyber security for UK businesses."

Compliance with the Cyber Essentials scheme is a requirement when bidding for government contracts that involve the handling of sensitive and personal information, and the provision of certain technical products and services.

The scheme mandates five key controls that must be implemented to meet its requirements. These are: secure configuration, boundary firewalls and Internet gateways, access control and administrative privilege management, patch management and malware protection.

To achieve Cyber Essentials certification, companies need to complete a self-assessment questionnaire, which is signed off by a senior company representative and then verified by an external certification body. An external vulnerability scan will also be required if the company has chosen to be certified through a CREST-accredited certification body like IT Governance.

IT Governance's Cyber Essentials Certification service is designed for organisations that do not



require help completing the self-assessment questionnaire and is available as a convenient online service, helping organisations to save time and money. It can be booked online at www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-1622.aspx.

Alternatively, organisations can call +44 (0)845 070 1750 or send an email to request a custom quote.

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