

## IT Governance urges Cambridgeshire businesses to prevent cyber threats with Cyber Essentials

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, UNITED KINGDOM, November 11, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- IT Governance, the leading cyber security consultancy firm and CREST-accredited certification body, is urging Cambridgeshire businesses to certify to the <a href="Cyber Essentials">Cyber Essentials</a> scheme and help prevent "around 80% of cyber threats".



This comes in response to recent news about the Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor, which recently launched its 15-year vision to create over £500 million in local economic growth both in and between the two cities.

Alan Calder, the founder and chief executive officer of IT Governance, said: "Cyber threats are becoming a serious risk for organisations worldwide. The recent cyber attack on Tesco Bank shows that even banks and essential services can suffer devastating damage if security controls are not implemented.

"The Cambridge Norwich Tech Corridor creates opportunities for a new upsurge in innovation-led growth. To ensure businesses implement the necessary control measures to prevent cyber threats, certification to Cyber Essentials is critical."

Cyber Essentials is a government-backed cyber security certification scheme designed to help organisations achieve a baseline of cyber security and prevent "around 80% of cyber attacks". Certification to the scheme is critical for all UK organisations that use Internet-connected systems and devices.

Based in Cambridgeshire, IT Governance is the market leader in Cyber Essentials certification and is determined to help make the region's businesses more secure. By choosing a CREST-accredited certification body like IT Governance, organisations benefit from an external vulnerability scan. Organisations can also reduce costs by purchasing a multi-year recertification contract.

"We encourage organisations to adopt the scheme to strengthen their cyber security. Our solutions will help businesses achieve certification according to the resources, competence and expertise their IT team possesses – or lacks," Alan Calder continued.

Certification to Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus can improve reputation, create new business opportunities, and meet government requirements for contracts that involve handling personal data and certain ICT products and services. It also proves that the organisation has taken the necessary steps to reduce cyber risks and a proactive approach to information security.

Businesses looking to certify to Cyber Essentials or Cyber Essentials Plus can opt for any of IT Governance's packaged solutions: Do It Yourself, Get A Little Help and Get A Lot Of Help.

For more information about IT Governance's <u>Cyber Essentials packaged solutions</u>, please visit the <u>website</u>, contact its consultancy team direct at servicecentre@itgovernance.co.uk, or call +44 (0)845 070 1750.

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