

The Zanzibar Managed Service Wins Overall Prize for 'Operational Performance' at the MCA Management Awards 2008

ProcServe Acknowledged for its Success with its Pan Government Procurement Marketplace

1st May 2008, LONDON, UK - ProcServe, a leading provider of procurement and marketplace connectivity solutions, today announced that their service for the UK public sector, the Zanzibar Managed Service won outright in the category for Operational Performance at year's Management Consultancies Association (MCA) Management Awards. The winners were announced at a gala dinner on 28th April 2008 in London.

The Zanzibar Managed Service is the UK public sector electronic marketplace delivered by ProcServe under a framework agreement managed by OGCbuying.solutions. By bringing together government contracts in a single platform, Zanzibar enables collaboration across all public sector buying organisations and provides access to the best pricing and transaction-ready suppliers. This programme was originally started to create an electronic marketplace for all public sector buyers and their suppliers, and to transform public sector procurement to improve efficiency and quality of work. Zanzibar has already achieved tremendous success and is being used by a number of UK public sector organisations including the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the NHS, the Bank of England and other Central and Civil Government departments. The target users of Zanzibar included local and national public sector bodies - from primary schools to central government departments, varying greatly in size, function and management structures - as well as thousands of suppliers of varying sizes.

Robert Knapman, Director of eCommerce, OGCbuying.solutions, said: "We are delighted that ProcServe and OGCbuying.solutions won in this category. The team have worked hard to deliver this groundbreaking service, so this is a fantastic accolade to have been awarded for all the hard work."

Veera Johnson, CEO, ProcServe said "The MCA's recognition of the quality and value of ProcServe's partnership with the UK public sector in providing a pan government marketplace is enormously important to ProcServe. This result is a testimony that the Zanzibar Managed Service is a world-class procurement programme, well on the way to being a benchmark for other governments."

About The Management Awards

The prestigious Management Awards are organised by the Management Consultancies

Association (MCA), and run in association with Management Today - the most widely read monthly business magazine in Britain. The awards aim to identify the best case studies in each of ten categories, where organisations, in the private or public sector, have achieved a significant improvement in performance with the assistance of management consultants, either in-house or external. For more information, please visit www.mca.org.uk/MCA/Awards/ThisYear.aspx

About ProcServe

ProcServe, a wholly owned subsidiary of PA Consulting Group, provides fast, flexible and secure electronic marketplaces and trading connectivity solutions. ProcServe's hosted, custom-branded solutions provide customers with the unique ability to leverage a software-as-a-service solution and maintain their own uniquely branded and configured marketplace. Customers enjoy a faster solution set up, lower cost of maintenance, and a secure environment. ProcServe also delivers OPEN and xchangewales on behalf of the UK Public Sector.

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