

Andalusian Disaster Recovery Center

Telvent will develop the Business Recovery and Continuity Center for the Andalusian Government

Madrid, March 16, 2004 – Telvent, the Global RealTime IT company and subsidiary of Abengoa, has been awarded a multi-year contract for the Business Recovery and Critical Service Continuity Center, which services the various local ministries of the Andalusian Government. This project is part of the coordination strategy for the IT security policy of the Andalusian Government.

The project scope is based on a data center service that will create a corporate network node for the Andalusian Government, providing a higher level of IT security, database backup, applications continuity, disaster recovery, and hosting for all critical existing services in the Government of Andalusia. This project is an initiative resulting from the Second Modernization Plan of Andalusia.

The high number of IT applications in each of the local ministries, combined with the autonomous functions of the Andalusian Administration and the variety of servers, operating systems and storage systems, required a common contingency center which can be activated immediately, in the event that any critical services are rendered inoperative. The solution proposed by Telvent will allow high levels of availability, reliability, scalability and performance, minimizing the impact in each of the main centers and ensuring a defined technology migration path derived from the progressive introduction of Information Technologies in all areas of the Andalusian Administration.

To carry out the project, Telvent will be using its high technology data center located in Seville, which has been developed as a result of a collaboration agreement with Xfera, and which represents Telvent's fifth data center in the Iberian Peninsula, which also has Telvent facilities in Madrid, Barcelona and Lisbon. This collection of data centers allows Telvent to offer professional services to more than 200 companies and public institutions, including more than 40 telecommunications operators.

In addition to the Andalusian Government, the Seville data center will also provide professional services to a number of public and private corporations that require recovery and business continuity services, which are a key component in Telvent's program for supporting the principal Internet node in Spain.

The Seville facility will allow, in the very near future, centralized Internet connectivity, creating a neutral access node. The concentration of telecom operators located in the same physical space will also mean that the Seville data center will provide the best connectivity in all of Southern Spain.

With the award of this contract, Telvent consolidates its position with the Andalusian Government, a longstanding strategic partner. Including the past two years of services, combined with a two year extension, the total value for this professional services contract is estimated to be 6 million Euros.

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About Telvent

Telvent, the Global RealTime IT Company and subsidiary of Abengoa, specializes in real-time IT operations and business solutions with high technological added value for specific industrial sectors such as Energy, Traffic, Transportation and the Environment. Telvent is a leading supplier to these industries in Spain, North America, Latin America and Asia.

With over 40 years experience in industrial supervisory control and business process management systems, Telvent executes projects and provides technical services in the field of mission-critical, real-time control and information management. With the most comprehensive portfolio of outsourcing and consulting services, and employing a technology-neutral philosophy, Telvent manages IT and telecommunications infrastructures for an extensive international client base. (www.telvent.com)

About Abengoa

Abengoa, an industrial and technology company with worldwide activities, provides solutions for Sustainable Development, the Information and Knowledge Society and the Creation of Infrastructures. The company has a capitalization of over 500 million Euros (31/12/2003) and is listed on the Madrid Stock Exchange. Abengoa operates in four important areas: Bioenergy, where it is the world's second largest bioethanol producer; Environmental Services, where it is European leader in different industrial waste market segments; Information Technologies, where it has achieved global recognition and has operations in Europe, North America and Asia; and Industrial Engineering and Construction, where it is a leader in Spain and Latin America. (www.abengoa.com)

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