

CAD/PLM Technology Partnership for Pioneering Research in the UK



Cutting Edge Solutions Ltd today announced a 5-year contract to provide a PLM solution for at least 160 users at the UK Science and Technology Facilities Council.

Under the terms of the contract, Cutting Edge Solutions Ltd (CES), the UK's leading Siemens PLM Software solution partner, will supply around 100 Design Engineers with the Velocity Series product portfolio. The contract will be centred around Solid Edge and will include CAM Express, Teamcenter Express, Femap, and NX, replacing the existing 3D CAD system. Working closely with CES, the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) will also implement a Teamcenter PLM solution on approximately 160 desktops, to give wider access to product design data.

The contract for the incumbent PTC system expired in December 2007, which presented an opportunity to review all of the major systems on the market. After exhaustive tests and benchmarks, CES was awarded a 5-year contract to replace and expand the existing systems at Rutherford Appleton and Daresbury Laboratories, which host three of STFC's major facilities between them. CES will also provide comprehensive implementation and support services.

Mr Marc Simon, STFC Implementation Project Manager, states that Solid Edge and the Velocity Series product suite was eventually chosen because: "Technically, we felt that there was a good match between our needs and the Solid Edge/Teamcenter Express capabilities. The Siemens PLM Software portfolio also includes NX, which offers us the flexibility to expand our capabilities even further should this be required."

Mr Simon continues that: "A significant factor in our decision was also the level of support offered and demonstrated by CES, which was above and beyond what was asked for in the tender."

Mr Allan Blackwell, Managing Director at CES, adds: "Naturally, we are delighted to have been awarded this significant contract against stiff competition. We are now looking forward to a long and fruitful relationship with STFC that we can all become proud of."

Note to Editors

About The Science and Technology Facilities Council

STFC is one of Europe's largest multidisciplinary research organisations supporting scientists and engineers worldwide. The Council operates world-class, large scale research facilities and provides strategic advice to the UK government on their development. It also manages international research projects in support of a broad cross-section of the UK research community and directs, coordinates and funds research, education and training.

About Cutting Edge Solutions Ltd

Since formation in October 1997, CES has become the leading Siemens PLM Software solution partner in the UK. Based in Leaffield, Oxfordshire, the company provides excellent business solutions and support for companies utilising state-of-the-art computerised technology.

The customer portfolio includes many household names with thousands of engineers relying on their products, services, and ongoing support. For further information on CES' products and services, visit <http://www.cuttingedge.co.uk>

About Siemens PLM Software

Siemens PLM Software, a division of Siemens Automation and Drives (A&D), is a leading global provider of product lifecycle management (PLM) software and services with 4.3 million licensed seats and 47,000 customers worldwide.

About Velocity Series

The Velocity Series portfolio is a comprehensive family of modular, yet integrated, solutions addressing the product lifecycle management (PLM) needs of the mid-market. Consisting of a preconfigured family of digital product design, analysis, manufacturing and data management software offerings, the Velocity Series leverages the industry's best practices to provide significant breakthroughs in ease-of-use and deployment.

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