

onsite security over and above the call of duty

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Over-C, a company that specialises in the development of advanced web application software integrated with Near Field Communication (NFC) mobile phones, has introduced onSite, a new real-time personnel management and reporting service for security firms and their clients in the construction industry.

Because the application is web-based, anyone authorised and involved with managing access to a construction site can access onSite at the touch of a button. This provides construction companies with the means to control operational costs as well as a range of innovative web-based features which are practical, easy to use and add enormously to productivity.

One of the first companies using onSite is DCT Security Ltd. Commenting, Andrew Forrest, Group Operations Director, DCT Security Ltd, said: "We provide security officers because that's what we do. We never dreamed of investing in technology but Over-C came in and showed how we could increase our margins through innovation. I was dubious initially but the response from our clients has been overwhelming. Over-C has given DCT security a competitive advantage that will be hard to beat."

Using the same principles of real-time information reporting through NFC technology, onSite provides a range of personnel management services including the ability for security guards to scan staff ID badges on entry and exit of the site, logging location and time. onSite also enables security firms to check on the whereabouts of individuals in any given situation, such as a site evacuation. With staff already scanned into the system, onSite produces an immediate report of who is missing, and can deliver automated text messages requesting that missing personnel report to muster points to check in.

"We developed onSite because the daily challenges of security companies are no different to the remote management challenges in the construction sector," explains Michael Elliott, Managing Director of Over-C. "There is a need to comply with health and safety regulations, providing proof that sub-contractors invoices match the timesheet, etc. All relate to staff management needs in a faster and more efficient way. Security firms may control the access to sites but the construction company needs to provide information to payroll clerks, site managers and health and safety managers, which done manually has been a time-consuming and unnecessarily costly process.

"By introducing NFC technology and web enabling management and reporting services online, firms can reduce both the time and resource devoted to this process. Furthermore the data is available online for use by other staff for other purposes. It's an added value service for their clients in a market which is highly competitive and on the search for innovation."

"The potential that Over-C has in my industry is just amazing," says Sean Fowler, Project Manager, Balfour Beatty. "It is rare that I get excited but having seen this product demonstrated live I am left almost speechless. Innovation is the future and we look favourably at working alongside companies that deliver benefits. There is no doubt that Over-C and onSite can do that for us."

"With onSite, Over-C is changing the way we think about real-time technology in our business. This product works, delivers benefits and has the ability to provide unlimited solutions to real operational

issues,” says Steve Boreham, Director, Bowmer & Kirkland.

As well as providing cost savings, onSite provides a range of automatic reporting features, including the ability to complete contractor time-sheets and logging staff movement across the site - drastically reducing time spent on administration.

Over-C has a growing reputation for innovation, picking up a prestigious award in Monaco for its Vacant Property application in April this year.

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About Over-C

Over-C specialises in the design and development of advanced web application software tightly integrated with Near Field Communication (NFC) devices for businesses operating a mobile workforce in the service sector. As a leading provider of internet based NFC applications we help companies large and small grow their businesses safe in the knowledge that staff are able to share information and data from anywhere at anytime.

NFC

Near Field Communication is a very short range two way wireless connectivity protocol based on RFID that can transmit and receive small amounts of data to and from your mobile phone to other devices.