

# COA Solutions Signs-up to Major New Green IT Initiative

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UK business management and information systems provider, COA Solutions ([www.coasolutions.com](http://www.coasolutions.com)), today announces that it has signed up to the Green Charter (<http://www.coasolutions.com/green/>) of the Business Application Software Developers Association (BASDA), the voice of the UK software industry. This recently launched green IT initiative shows a commitment by software developers to tackling climate change both within their own organisations and through their software systems.

Mark Thompson, Managing Director of COA Solutions says, "We were one of the first companies to sign up to the BASDA Green Charter demonstrating our dedication to reducing our carbon footprint and our commitment to helping businesses to reduce their own emissions. The IT software industry has a crucial role to play in helping businesses to move towards a carbon efficient economy as without the right software systems in place, organisations are unable to effectively reduce waste and cannot accurately measure and track their carbon footprints."

By signing up to the BASDA Green Charter, COA Solutions agrees to the following:

- We will take pro-active steps to increase the carbon efficiency of our own organisations such that we will be regarded as low-carbon entities
- We will enhance our software solutions to enable customers to become part of a carbon efficient economy
- Via BASDA, we will engage in the debate around green ICT – including measurement, reporting, data requirements and standards
- We will work as an industry through BASDA to educate and increase awareness of green issues as they relate to ICT and particularly business software

Thompson continues, "COA Solutions is fully committed to tailoring our software to address both the business and environmental issues that face organisations today. Our systems provide numerous environmental benefits including the reduction of paper waste and enabling the effective measurement of employees' carbon emissions, whilst delivering substantial and tangible business benefits such as reduced costs, improved efficiency and greater financial control."

In November 2008, COA Solutions was presented with a gold award at this year's National Green Apple Environment Awards in recognition of the environmental benefits of its workflow software. COA Solutions subsidiary, Version One (<http://www.versionone.co.uk>), also received the awards' highest honour – a 'Green Champion' award for its electronic document management software (<http://www.coasolutions.com/document-process-management.php>).

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About BASDA [www.basda.org](http://www.basda.org)

BASDA is the Business Applications Software Developers Association. BASDA represents almost 200 of the world's leading business application software suppliers and partners. Representing its members to governments and policy making groups in the UK, Europe and worldwide BASDA is the acknowledged voice of the business software applications industry. BASDA is recognised by the European Commission, the UK Government, the United Nations and the OECD.

About COA Solutions [www.coasolutions.com](http://www.coasolutions.com)

COA Solutions is the UK's leading supplier of integrated business management and information systems to public, private and not-for-profit organisations in the service sector. COA Solutions prides itself on getting close to its customers by understanding their businesses and responding to their business needs.

COA Solutions' award-winning Smart Business Suite combines core financial management (<http://www.coasolutions.com/business-accounting-software.php>), procurement (<http://www.coasolutions.com/procurement-software.php>), human resource and payroll systems, integrated with a range of collaborative, document management (<http://www.coasolutions.com/document-process-management.php>) and business intelligence software (<http://www.coasolutions.com/business-intelligence-software.php>). These solutions extend the value and effectiveness of the finance, HR and payroll departments across the organisation and enable managers in the business to monitor, analyse and continually improve corporate performance.

COA Solutions has more than 500 experienced and professional staff supporting and servicing over 4,000 clients across the UK service sector including Companies House, Newcastle City Council, WHSmith, Royal Bank of Scotland, Aer Lingus, National Express Group, DFS, RSPB and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Trust.

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