Advanced to host IT infrastructure for Highways England – improving journeys for millions of road users

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Highways England (https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england), the Government company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads, has selected Advanced (https://www.oneadvanced.com/) as its strategic IT partner in a deal worth over £6.7 million. The multi-year contract, which starts immediately, sees Advanced provide Highways England with secure and compliant IT infrastructure hosting, helping it deliver a smoother, smarter and more sustainable strategic road network (SRN) across the country.

Highways England is committed to safely keeping traffic moving and better informing its customers, key initiatives detailed in its strategic business plan published in April 2015. It is moving to a new Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS) software solution which is provided by Kapsch. As Highways England's technology partner, Advanced will provide mission-critical IT infrastructure hosting for the ATMS solution that adheres to stringent performance and availability targets.

Advanced delivered a tailored approach incorporating all the mission-critical services required. This encompasses 24x7 infrastructure management, backup and disaster recovery services in the event of an emergency, whilst also being agile enough to embrace ongoing innovation and be as cost effective as possible. The services are delivered through Advanced's Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS) environment. All services are underpinned by robust service level agreements (SLAs) and meet stringent recovery time objectives (RTO), recovery point objectives (RPO) and round-trip time (RTT) requirements.

Roy Wood, Managing Director, IT Services - Advanced, said: "With around 40,000 devices connected to the Highways England road signs network and links to emergency services, this is a mission-critical operation which we absolutely thrive in managing. Helping Highways England to make a difference to the millions of drivers on British roads every day is an incredible accolade for our safe and secure approach to managed services. There was a good cultural fit between the two teams from the outset and everyone involved is looking forward to getting this major project underway."

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Through our enterprise and market focused solutions we positively impact millions of people's lives through continually investing in our people, partnerships and own technologies to stay focused on our markets', customers' and their stakeholders' needs.

We enable our customers to drive efficiencies, savings and growth opportunities through focused, right-first-time software solutions that evolve with the changing needs of their business and the markets they operate in.

True partnership is the defining thing that makes us different from the competition.

We pride ourselves on delivering focused software solutions for public sector, enterprise commercial and health & care organisations that simplify complex business challenges and deliver immediate value.

Advanced is a Sunday Times Top Track 250 Company 2016 and was ranked in the Deloitte UK Fast 50 which recognises the 50 fastest growing technology companies in the UK and a winner of the Tech Company of the Year in PwC's UK Tech Awards in 2014.

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*About Highways England – the organisation was formerly the Highways Agency; read more about Highways England here

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