

EMPOWERING POWERCHEX

Plans for innovative software system given the go-ahead

Knowledge Dock recently secured another Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP), which has successfully won approval from the Technology Strategy Board, a Government body, sponsored by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS).

The KTP with City-based pre-employment screening company Powerchex, started in September this year, and is being supervised by University of East London (UEL) Computing and Technology academic Haris Mouratidis, with Associate Dean for Computing and Technology Dominic Palmer-Brown, as the lead academic.

By utilising the expertise at UEL, Powerchex is intending to create a unique and innovative product that will go beyond traditional screening systems. Alexandra Kelly, Managing Director at Powerchex, said:-

"This KTP project is the central thread in our long term strategic plans. As the leading pre-

employment screening company in the sector, it is vital that we respond to our clients' needs with a truly innovative solution. The expertise that the academic partners from the University will bring to the Partnership will add to our considerable experience and knowledge in the area."

This new KTP will also benefit UEL, by counting towards the School's RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) rating and will add to the University's research papers and teaching materials.

A Win-Win Situation

Academic Supervisor for the project, Haris Mouratidis said:-

"This KTP provides us with an opportunity to work closely with a fast growing company and to apply our academic expertise to a real business challenge. This is extremely rewarding and also adds an extra dimension to our own research and teaching."

It is therefore a win-win situation for both parties and should provide some new, interesting and insightful results, which will eventually deliver a 'best in class' strategic IT function for the organisation.

Associate Dean, Dominic Palmer-Brown said:-

"This KTP builds on the already significant collaboration between UEL and Powerchex. It provides a great opportunity to bring the School's expertise in software systems design and data mining to the market."

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