

Thomson NETg Receives OPM/GoLearn Contract for Federal Learning Program

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Prime Contractor Status Conferred for the Delivery of Both Learning Content
and Collaboration Tools and Human Capital Performance Applications

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Aug. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomson NETg, the leading provider of knowledge on demand to global enterprises and part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), announced today that it has been awarded prime contractor status by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) GoLearn program, which supports the Federal government's e-Training Initiative. The new Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracting vehicle is intended to provide e-learning services and support to the Federal government.

Under the GoLearn contract award, Thomson NETg will provide learning solutions in two strategic areas: learning content and collaboration tools as well as human capital performance applications. Learning content includes:

- A full range of web-accessible employee training and development courses in its Learn Now e-learning course modality, which includes Business & Professional Development, IT & Desktop, Strategic Skills, Executive Education, Certification and Compliance portfolios of courses.
- Mentor Now services offering around-the-clock real-time support from qualified online instructors.
- Reference Now e-reference books that provide just-in-time, on-the-job performance support in the areas of professional development, IT and desktop applications.
- Job Aids Now that include Crisp books, Course ILT products, FastCards, CourseCards and FlipCards.
- Search Now capabilities, enabling learners to search across all elearning available on GoLearn.gov and get answers they need quickly and efficiently.

Thomson NETg will also offer collaboration tools and human capital performance applications via its KnowledgeNet Enterprise Learning Platform that deliver online meetings and live virtual classrooms with real-time audio and video capabilities, custom course authoring capabilities, collaborative whiteboards, communities of practice, chat capabilities and learner breakout sessions. Finally, Thomson NETg will also offer applications that deliver 360-degree feedback and skill gap analyses through its Precision Skilling tool.

The mission of OPM's GoLearn program is to provide the full spectrum of web-based human capital performance (e-HCP) tools and the full range of web-based training content, including academic, technical, executive and organizational development courses, to any federal government employee or industry partner in any media at any time. GoLearn focuses on unifying and simplifying IT infrastructure and licensing costs, along with increasing employee access to high quality e-Learning products and services that advance agency missions.

"We're honored to have been selected by GoLearn to help meet the employee training and development needs of the Federal government communities served by it," said Joe Dougherty, president of Thomson NETg. "Our complete range of relevant, targeted instruction combined with our powerful learning empowerment tools will help government agencies of all sizes meet their critical missions by moving their people right where they need them: onto the cutting edge."

Thomson NETg already provides a full range of support to a large number of Federal agencies from its Knowledge Now Suite of learning products and services, including the United States Air Force, United States Postal Services and many others.

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