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## New website helps find ideal IT expert

A CORK organisation is providing a pool of local, on-call, skilled information technology (IT) staff to work on contract at a moment's notice.

The service is being provided by Comhar.com, based at the Rubicon support centre for the incubation and development of new enterprises at Cork Institute of Technology (CIT).

Comhar.com matches companies with IT contractors who not only

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possess expertise in the exact area where assistance is needed but who already have been vetted and accredited by Comhar.

IT professionals looking for contract work can register on Comhar.com free of charge.

Companies can post a work request on the website which is then immediately matched with those IT contractors possessing the re-

quisite skills and experience.

IT contractors receive a text message to view the work request on Comhar.com after which they may put in a bid price to complete the work.

Bids are then sent to the requesting company which then selects the most suitable bid.

The entire hiring, administration and invoicing process is done online which, for companies, means huge cost savings and, for contractors, means rapid and reliable payment.

Comhar.com managing director Leonard Godsil said their services were typically aimed at companies in the small to medium-sized sector.

He said interested parties can meet up with other similar minded people through Cork Open Coffee Club meetings.

These are held on a regular basis allowing participants to meet others who might be of assistance.

For more, contact Leonard on (021) 4928969 or by e-mail at leonardg@comhar.com.

## New post for Yvonne

YVONNE COVENEY, right, has been appointed financial advisor of the Cork office of Hibernian, the country's largest insurer.



Yvonne, who will be based at the company's South Mall office, has more than nine years experience in the insurance and financial advice sector. She will advise companies and individuals on pensions, investment and financial services needs. Hibernian has branches nationwide offering motor, health, home and commercial insurance and a suite of investment, pension and financial services products.



At the Chartered Institute of Building in Ireland (CIOB) dinner in the Rochestown Park Hotel were (front row, left to right) Tim Healy, branch chair CIOB Ireland; Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Micheál Martin; Cllr Terry Shannon, deputising for the Lord Mayor; Chris Blythe, chief executive CIOB; and John Barrett, chair North Western Centre, and (back row) Dermot Russell, chair Eastern Centre; Brian McMullen; Roger Crowley, chair Southern Centre; and Robert Hartie, Western Centre. See tomorrow's Evening Echo Business for more pictures.

Picture: Gillian Kelly

## IT support for small Cork businesses

EXPERTS employed by Cork City Enterprise Board (CCEB) are now providing a technology-support programme for small to medium-sized businesses based in the city.

The Tech-Check scheme is designed to assist small businesses of all categories with their information technology needs.

The technology check-up programme would help small business owners identify practical solutions appropriate and specific to their particular company, according to Dave Cody, chief executive of the CCEB.

The ultimate aim was to help

stimulate growth and profitability in firms, he added.

Under the Tech-Check programme, those who apply would be visited by an independent expert who would assess their current technology usage and identify key strengths and weaknesses.

The expert would also provide business owners with a realistic strategy aimed at developing appropriate information and communication technology skills, systems, hardware and software.

The cost for small businesses can be as little as €150.

The Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment, Micheál

Martin, praised the CCEB for their initiative in implementing the Government-subsidised scheme.

"I know of the many entrepreneurs in Cork doing so much great work and I know they will take advantage of this scheme," he said.

If interested contact Ita Murphy, Cork City Enterprise Board, Branch at Laoi, Union Quay, on (021) 4961828 or at info@corkeeb.ie or should log onto www.corkeeb.ie

● CCEB, supported by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and the EU Commission, provides a range of advice, information and resources for start-up companies.



Dave Cody, chief executive Cork City Enterprise Board.

## IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE SHARES

PRICES AT 10.30AM TODAY

	Pre 10:30am	Pre 10:30am
	16/10/07	15/10/07
Abbey - Iex	7.45	0.00
Agri Therapeutics - Iex	1.45	0.00
Aer Lingus Group	2.30	0.01
Allied Irish Banks	16.71	0.06
Amesite Corp - Iex	0.38	0.30
Amesite	0.32	0.00
Andor Technology - Iex	1.12	0.00
Anglo Irish Bank	12.25	0.05
Blackrock International Land - Iex	0.43	0.00
Bank Of Ireland	12.31	-0.03
Boundary Capital - Iex	0.77	0.30
CB&I	28.95	-0.39
C&C Group	5.20	-0.06
CPL Resources - Iex	5.65	0.05
Dateline	0.70	0.00
DOC	20.55	-0.02
Draxco	14.42	0.00
Donaghy Creameries - Iex	0.40	0.30
Dragon Oil	4.16	-0.13
Elan Corp	16.80	-0.05
Financial Ireland - Iex	1.44	0.00
F&D Holdings	23.90	-0.25
First Derivatives - Iex	4.13	0.00
Pyflax - Iex	0.88	0.01
Gartmore Irish	13.85	0.30
Getmedia Europe - Iex	0.13	0.00
Glanbia	4.41	-0.09
Global Mining - Iex	0.12	0.00
Griffon Group	3.10	0.34
Greeneco Group	4.50	-0.05
Horizon Technology Group	0.98	0.00
IAMS Group	15.20	-0.08
IFG Group	1.80	0.00
Icon	39.00	0.00
Independent News & Media	2.70	-0.05
Irish Techologies	2.96	0.15
Irish Life And Permanent	15.44	0.04
Kennamore Resources	0.82	0.00
Kennamore Resources	0.87	0.00
Kerry Group	20.35	-0.11
Kingspan Group	16.25	-0.40
Lapp Plax - Iex	0.34	0.00
McInerney Holdings	1.84	0.01
Newcourt Group - Iex	1.44	0.00
Norfolk Group - Iex	1.74	0.00
Ogilvy & Butler	0.18	0.00
Origin Enterprises - Iex	2.70	0.00
Ormeau Mining - Iex	0.19	0.00
Orysa Gold - Iex	0.12	0.00
Paddy Power	26.25	0.00
Petrocelic International - Iex	0.16	0.00
Petroleum Resources - Iex	0.65	0.00
Prime Active Capital - Iex	1.34	0.00
Primo Resources - Iex	0.11	0.00
Qualicomm Shares	1.30	0.00
Readylink	1.70	0.00
Real Estate Opportunities	1.25	0.00
Ryanair Holdings	5.52	-0.13
Santitas - Iex	0.57	0.00
Smurfit Kappa Group	14.91	-0.19
Tesco	4.14	0.00
Thurloose - Iex	0.18	0.00
Total Produce - Iex	0.70	0.00
Wentworth	1.87	0.00
Tullow Oil	0.12	0.00
Tv Holdings - Iex	1.13	0.00