

Press Release

Top Safety Accreditation for Modern Networks

21 Aug. 20 - Hitchin-based IT managed service provider Modern Networks Ltd has been awarded accreditation from Alcumus SafeContractor for achieving excellence in health and safety in the workplace.

Alcumus SafeContractor is a leading third party accreditation scheme which recognises extremely rigorous standards in health and safety management amongst contractors. It is used by thousands of organisations in the UK including SMEs and FTSE 100 companies.

Employing over 70 people, Modern Networks is principally involved in the commercial property sector, specialising in the provision of IT, broadband and telecommunications services. Modern Networks works with all the major players in commercial property management including CBRE, Savills, Cushman and Wakefield, CEG, JLL, Knight Frank, GVA and Colliers.

The company's application for SafeContractor accreditation was driven by the need for a uniform standard across the business. SafeContractor accreditation will enhance the company's ability to win new contracts, and its commitment to safety will be viewed positively by its insurers when the company liability policy is up for renewal.

Gemma Archibald, Director of Alcumus SafeContractor said: "Major organisations simply cannot afford to run the risk of employing contractors who are not able to prove that they have sound health and safety policies in place."

"More companies need to understand the importance of adopting good risk management in the way that Modern Networks has done. The firm's high standard has set an example which hopefully will be followed by other companies within the sector. SafeContractor plays a vital role in supporting our clients in meeting their compliance needs, whilst working with their contractors as they progress through the accreditation process."

Steve Wheatley, Cabling Infrastructure Consultant, Modern Networks said: "Customers need credible endorsement from their contractors and suppliers, SafeContractor offers this by way of pre-qualification through careful audit examining H&S processes to ensure appropriate methodologies are in place to manage potential risk."

"Qualifying for SafeContractor accreditation communicates the right message that existing and new customers actively encourage from suppliers, the willingness to be proactive when managing staff members and sub-contractors in the work and tasks provided."

"Maintaining safe systems in the work place actively encourages employee and sub-contractors positive behaviour and ownership, which helps with customer interaction."

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Note to Editors:

Modern Networks Ltd

Established in 1999, Modern Networks is a leading provider of IT, broadband and telecoms services to the UK's commercial property sector. The company has offices in Hertfordshire and Manchester. We are a certified partner for Cisco, HP and Microsoft. We currently work with thirty top commercial property managing agents and provide services to over 1800 office buildings and shopping centres. Our clients include CBRE, Savills, Cushman and Wakefield, CEG, JLL, Knight Frank, GVA and Colliers.

Modern Networks also provides IT and telecoms to over 200 varied enterprise clients including architects, media companies, accountancy firms, not-for-profits and travel agents. The company is Cyber Essentials certified, a UK government scheme supported by the NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre).

Alcumus SafeContractor

Alcumus SafeContractor is a third party accreditation scheme that assesses the health and safety arrangements, policies and qualifications of contractors. Many major clients recognise the scheme and accept the SafeContractor certificate as confirmation of competency in health and safety practice.

Under the SafeContractor scheme, businesses undergo a vetting process which examines health and safety procedures and their track record for safe practice. Those companies meeting the high standard are included on a database, which is accessible to registered users only via a website.

Client organisations who sign up to the scheme can access the database, enabling them to vet potential contractors before they even set foot on site. These clients agree that, as users of the scheme, they will engage only those who have received accreditation.

Over 300 major, nation-wide businesses, from several key sectors, have signed up to use the scheme when selecting contractors for services such as building, cleaning, maintenance, refurbishment or electrical and mechanical work.

For further information, please visit <u>www.safecontractor.com</u>

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