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Optimum wins IT training contract with Cranfield University

Optimum, the specialist IT skills consultancy, has been appointed by Cranfield University to train finance system users at its Shrivenham campus.

Optimum's user focused training programme is designed to give 100 non-finance staff training on how to use the university's Agresso business management system to buy goods and services following a major upgrade being undertaken at the campus.

The role-based courses and materials have been developed to give users both a broad understanding of Cranfield's requisitioning system as a whole and to train each user specifically how to carry out their individual part of the procurement process. The Optimum programme may then be used to 'train the trainers' and rolled out internally to an additional 300 users.

Ian Sibbald, financial controller at Cranfield University, said: "Optimum's user focused approach to training struck a chord. Agresso is a complex system and it makes sense to tackle training from the point of view of exactly what knowledge is it that you need to impart."

He added: "Using a professional training company adds value because new users aren't being told by their peer group, or a finance person, or even someone within the university, how best to use the system. The fact that it is an external authority can give the training extra credibility."

Cranfield University, which has a global reputation for postgraduate research into science, technology, engineering and management, has used Agresso as its core business management system since 2003.

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