

IDC Wins £10,000 Techonology grant

Intelligent Distributed Controls (IDC) Ltd has won £10,000 in an East Midlands business technology competition for its design of a unique wireless tracking system, which is currently being trialled by global car manufacturer, Toyota.

The award, in the ANUBIS competition is funded by the East Midlands Development Agency. Kevin Buckley, Managing Director of IDC, said: "Winning the ANUBIS money has taken us into an area that we haven't been able to develop until now. ANUBIS will certainly help us develop our unique hand held device, and the software applications required to enable the tracking system to work. This project would have been significantly delayed without the ANUBIS funding which is providing a major boost to our R&D budget."

The wireless tracking system developed by IDC uses a relatively new technology known as Zigbee™ This pioneering technology, which is being trialled by Toyota for internal logistics process monitoring, has universal applications where businesses need to track the transportation of components, raw materials, finished products, or processes in real time within their plant.

The application of IDC's technology could increase efficiencies and revolutionise the manufacturing production and logistics processes for many businesses. It can also be used by organisations which need to help navigate people around large premises such as hospitals, university campuses and large corporate headquarters.

This is a relatively new market for IDC, but diversifying into the tracking systems market should, according to the company, treble its profitability. IDC says it is the only provider of this type of mobile application in the UK. The technology has generated interest from businesses in mainland Europe keen to target the UK market.

About the ANUBIS Competition

The ANUBIS competition rewards ten winning companies in the East Midlands region that can demonstrate how they would benefit from a large technology injection. The technology grant was set up as a competitive tender, providing ten companies with an equal share of £100,000 budget. ANUBIS is managed by EMNET and funded by East Midlands Development Agency and the European Regional Development Fund.

IDC Ltd

Intelligent Distributed Controls (IDC Ltd) is based in Derby. The company has a highly skilled team of dedicated hardware and software design, development and application engineers. These personnel have specialist application knowledge of control systems applied to logistics, warehouse distribution and manufacturing. This applications experience has IDC enabled to develop key skills in real time control, RFID and wireless technology, and to develop niche products for these industries and related OEMs. IDC's customer base includes Toyota, Toys R Us, ASDA George, Smiths Areospace, Astra Zeneca and Vestas Wind Systems A/S

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