

Press Release:

INFO AG supports DATEV in hosting SAP systems

Hamburg, May 18, 2010: In the future DATEV eG, based in Nuremberg, is also going to be hosting SAP systems for its customers within the framework of its IT sourcing offer. To accomplish this the IT service provider is cooperating with INFO AG, an SAP Gold Partner based in Hamburg that has displayed an outstanding competence working in this field. DATEV is taking over SAP hosting at its data center in Nuremberg while making use of the extensive know-how at INFO AG in advisory consulting for SAP systems and their operation. In turn, INFO AG will be taking advantage of “IaaS” services (Infrastructure as a Service) at the data center in Nuremberg for its customers along with printing and shipping services at DATEV.

DATEV offers IT sourcing in the form of scaled services revolving around the hosting and operation of IT infrastructures. The spectrum for this business unit ranges from full-scale application management all the way to the basic operation of IT systems at the secured data center. The high standards DATEV has set itself for security, confidentiality and data protection apply for all these services. The type and scope of services being offered in the course of IT sourcing for customers can be put together according to a building-block principle in alignment with individual standards and requirements. These services are now being enhanced through the addition of SAP operation as a result of the collaboration with INFO AG.

INFO AG has held a solid presence on the market for a good quarter of a century. The company safeguards the operation of over 300 SAP systems through more than 150 SAP consultants and profound know-how. INFO AG stands for a high level of service quality, availability and performance via customized service level agreements, a professional support organization and guaranteed response times. Besides such professional qualifications, the good work already exhibited by both companies in providing joint stewardship on customer projects is the basis for the extensive cooperation with DATEV.

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Background information on INFO AG (www.info-ag.de)

Founded:.....1982 (listed on the stock exchange since 1987)

Field of business:.....IT services

Staff:.....approx. 500

Locations:.....Hamburg (headquarters), Oberhausen

INFO AG began in 1982 as a specialist for backup services. Today the company is a full-scale service provider that numbers among the leading providers of IT outsourcing and IT consulting in Germany. The portfolio at INFO AG encompasses the planning, implementation and operation of sophisticated IT solutions. From advisory consulting to setting up the IT infrastructure and on to the process steering of entire value-creation chains, INFO AG offers a holistic service approach. INFO AG is an SAP System House and a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, and currently operates three data centers in Germany (at two locations in Hamburg, one in Oberhausen).

The spectrum of offers at INFO AG is oriented primarily towards mid-sized companies. The clear expertise demonstrated lies in understanding the business processes and needs of this customer segment. INFO AG offers its customers the portfolio and methodologically professional plan of action of a global provider combined with the mindset and working methods exhibited by a mid-sized enterprise. These include short routes without red tape, direct, personal contacts and a high degree of flexibility and dependability.

The services rendered by INFO AG are subject to strict quality standards and regularly certified in compliance with DIN EN ISO 9001:2008 and ISO/IEC 27001:2005. They are also audited pursuant to SAS70 II/IDW EPS 951 B. The processes involved in the services are furthermore audited on a recurring basis by an independent auditing company in compliance with SAS70 II/IDW EPS 951 B. In addition, the processes at INFO AG are aligned closely to the ITIL standard. All services are transparent and measurable, while handling and stewardship are contractually assured through Service Level Agreements (SLA). The dependability of the performance commitment on the part of INFO AG and the faith of our clientele form the basis for the company's success: INFO AG generates more than two thirds of its turnover from long-term contracts. The list of customers at INFO AG includes Reemtsma (ITG), SIGNAL IDUNA, Hitachi Power Europe and SPIEGEL-Verlag.

Background information on DATEV eG (www.datev.de)

Based in Nuremberg, Germany, DATEV eG is the software house and IT service provider for tax consultants, accountants, auditors, attorneys and their clientele. Its spectrum of services primarily encompasses the fields of accounting, personnel management, business administration consulting, taxes and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), as well as general organization and planning. Founded in 1966, DATEV is one of the largest information service providers and software houses in Europe. As just one example, the company ranks 4th on the well-known Lünendonk ratings in the category "Software Houses" (ranked according to turnover in Germany).