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Crawford & Company achieves certification for Cyber Essentials Plus Scheme

Scheme tests resilience of business to common cyber threats

London – Crawford & Company® announced that it has successfully achieved certification for the UK government's new Cyber Essentials Plus scheme. Developed by government and industry, and launched in June 2014, the Cyber Essentials scheme is designed to improve the resilience of UK businesses to common cyber security threats, and provides verifiable certification of their capabilities to customers, investors, insurers and others.

Phil Churchman, Crawford's chief information officer, Europe, Middle East, Africa & Asia Pacific said "At Crawford, we pride ourselves on our high standards of corporate governance and we are thrilled to have successfully completed the self-assessment activities of the Cyber Essentials Scheme which were independently verified by the accreditation body IASME. The assessment was focussed on the management, configuration and use of our internal communications and technology systems, including assessment of end-user devices, and sought to identify the level of controls in place that help to protect us from a variety of different cyber-attack scenarios."

Churchman added that "The UK Government now requires all suppliers that are bidding for contracts that include the handling of certain sensitive and personal information to have successfully completed certification against the Cyber Essentials scheme. As part of our ongoing commitment to technical excellence in the claims arena, we are happy to have secured this important validation of our controls."

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About Crawford

Based in Atlanta, Ga., Crawford & Company (www.crawfordandcompany.com) is the world's largest independent provider of claims management solutions to the risk management and insurance industry as well as self-insured entities, with an expansive global network serving clients in more than 70 countries. The Crawford Solution™ offers comprehensive, integrated claims services, business process outsourcing and consulting services for major product lines including property and casualty claims management, workers compensation claims and medical management, and legal settlement administration. The Company's shares are traded on the NYSE under the symbols CRDA and CRDB.



About The Cyber Essentials Scheme

Cyber Essentials is a government-backed, industry supported scheme to help organisations protect themselves against the majority of common cyber- attacks. The full scheme, launched on 5th June 2014, enables organisations to gain one of two new Cyber Essentials certifications – the first being a detailed self-assessment exercise, the other being an independently conducted technical validation. It is being backed by industry including the Federation of Small Businesses, the CBI and a number of insurance organisations which are offering incentives for businesses to gain certification.

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