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## The Loire Atlantique General Council secures Web applications with Bee Ware

*Bee Ware, the specialist in secure Web application delivery, strengthens its local government positioning by helping the Loire Atlantique General Council (CG44) to adapt its IT infrastructure and ensure the protection of Web applications.*

Paris, March 14th 2011 – Distributed over 59 cantons, the 221 municipalities of the Loire-Atlantique department in France assemble over 1,2 million citizens within a surface area of 7 000 km<sup>2</sup>. The General Council (CG44) is headquartered in Nantes, 6<sup>th</sup>-largest French municipality housing a population of 283 000.

The daily business of the local government authority ranges from citizen-centric E-services to information sharing with external bodies and remote user access to various types of data. In order to safeguard its information systems and publish secure custom applications, the Council wished to benefit from the services of a professional vendor with a suitable offering. Bee Ware's solution was presented by the integrator Telindus and was selected following an evaluation process and visits to deploying customers.

Bee Ware's i-Suite platform presents the following key features:

- The protection of Web traffic
- Advanced data filtering options
- Ease of use
- Efficient performance metrics

In addition to these primary benefits Bee Ware's platform chalked up further points thanks to its Single Sign On (SSO) module. This aspect enabled the security policy used to be fortified, thereby creating a robust protection system with the benefits of both filtering and authentication.

SSO comes into play when Council agents log on to Web applications. Targeting more than twenty critical applications, the initiative to roll out the technology across multiple applications was launched in 2010. Currently, a pilot has been deployed across five applications. Bee Ware's solution is also instrumental in providing safe access to mobile user messaging applications (i-Phone and Smartphone synchronisation), with all administration being centralized.

The IT Systems Management of the Loire Atlantique General Council emphasizes the reliability and user-friendliness of i-Suite. These characteristics are illustrated by the fact that since the initial rollout in 2006 the vendor's support services were seldom needed and no major issues were experienced during the set-up of the platform. Yann Chabirand, Head of the Architecture & Infrastructure Service: «Bee Ware definitely played a key role in assisting us with the deployment of our security policy. Their expert knowledge of Web application security, traffic filtering and authentication allows us to benefit from a solid and progressive infrastructure. Our projects have all been crowned with success.»

### About Bee Ware :

Bee Ware, the European provider of secure Web application delivery solutions, assures comprehensive business-smart protection for all organizations. With Bee Ware's integrated solution i-Suite companies have access to a web application firewall, access control, Web Single Sign On, an XML firewall, traffic monitoring and centralized management, making significant cost reduction and high-performance a reality. i-Suite scales to meet the requirements of appliance-based Software as a Service or virtual machine deployment and adapts to all IT infrastructures.

Bee Ware was founded in 2002 and its European presence is primarily shared among industry, healthcare, finance and public services.

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