

## Education

VPlus Networks has been working with a major public sector body in Scotland to implement a large-scale managed remote access network.

An initial pilot project in early 2004 involved developing a managed Virtual Private Network to allow 800 public servants to access a business critical database securely. A key requirement was that this data could be accessed via any telephone line regardless of operator (BT, NTL, Telewest etc) and with any Internet connection (e.g. a school internet café).

The four-week roll out to the staff was completed on time and on budget. Vplus also provided one-to-one telephone training to each end user as well as a training manual and a website training demo.

Following the success of the pilot, vplus will extend the solution to thousands of additional employees covering the use of 70 applications. The solution is based on Virtual Private Network technology which is not only very cost-effective but also totally secure using the best SSL (Secure Socket Layer), authentication and encryption technologies currently available.

The aim is to make it as easy for employees on the road or working at home to access data and applications as if they were sitting at their desk in the office. As the work involves highly confidential and sensitive information VPlus developed a unique authentication and two-level encryption system to prevent any unauthorised access.


Another requirement is that speed and performance using remote access would be as good as that experienced by the personnel in their offices. VPlus has put in place business Service Level Agreements which guarantee network uptime and performance.

A dedicated team of highly experienced technicians at VPlus continually monitors the network to spot any potential problems and take any necessary measures to avert them.

VPlus fought off tough competition from eight other suppliers to win the contract. These included BT, HP, Thus and Computacenter.

Commenting on the project, the organisation's IT director said:

"I was expecting another nought on the price."



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