

AEP Networks Provides Secure Remote Access for PKC at the G8 Summit

AEP's Netilla Security Platform SSL VPN Provides Secure Access to Services

The importance of this year's G8 Summit held at Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire, Scotland should not be underestimated. Heads of State and government officials from the world's eight most powerful nations met in Scotland to discuss some of the biggest challenges facing the world today; tackling poverty in Africa, addressing climate change and the threat from global terrorism.

As with previous G8 summits, ensuring the safety of so many of the world's senior political figures was of paramount concern to police and security services. The media was quick to highlight the scale of the security operation, the large numbers of police officers, the huge barriers and the high tech surveillance systems. What the media didn't show was the behind the scenes preparation and organisation that is required to make this type of event run smoothly.

The Challenge

For the 2005 G8 Summit many different agencies and organisations were called upon to work closely together, requiring not only first class ICT systems but also systems that would operate securely. As the majority of back end servers and applications were

deployed at Perth & Kinross Council there was a requirement for secure remote access so that key personnel, could gain access from other locations including the Media Centre at Gleneagles Hotel and various Command Centres.

The Solution

Perth & Kinross Council considered a number of alternative solutions to meet the need for remote access and decided the best way forward would be to provide secure access to services via the internet using AEP Networks Netilla Security Platform. The Netilla Security Platform (NSP) was chosen due to its high level of security combined with ease and speed of deployment.

By utilising its existing SSL VPN solution the applications required could be accessed securely through any web browser and with extremely low bandwidth requirements. Throughout the G8 Summit, key personnel successfully used the NSP for secure remote access to services and applications located at Perth & Kinross Council's HQ.

Roddy McArthur, Executive Director (Corporate Services), Perth & Kinross Council, commented: "The Summit presented a number of interesting communications challenges for the Council and its partners, but with the technical expertise of our own staff and the AEP team we successfully met all of those challenges."

"Using the AEP Netilla Security Platform to provide secure application access during the G8 shows the flexibility and dynamic way the AEP technology can be

deployed over low bandwidth connections,” said Tony Anscombe, Country Manager for AEP Networks.

The Netilla Security Platform from AEP Networks was implemented and is supported through Enforce Technology, a value added reseller of the solution.

About Perth and Kinross Council

Perth & Kinross Council provides a range of services for visitors, businesses and approximately 135,000 citizens across the area. The range of services the Council provides is huge and it employs nearly 5000 people to help deliver them. As well as providing day to day services the Council is a community leader and plays a key role in making sure that the area is equipped to capitalise on opportunities and meet challenges such as those presented by the G8 Summit.

About Enforce Technology

Enforce Technology are a specialist IT Security Integrator providing security solutions for both Governmental and Commercial organisations. In addition to providing network perimeter security for organisations, email, policy management, IDS/IPS & virus protection solutions can also be provided. The company also provides vendor independent consultancy and support. For further information visit www.enforcetechnology.com, call 0121 558 7907 or email info@enforcetechnology.com.

About AEP Networks

AEP Networks, the specialist in network and application access security, delivers infrastructure security solutions that are easy to use and manage while offering exceptional value and mission-critical reliability. The company provides a full range of solutions, including identity-based application security gateways, highly secure VPNs, SSL VPNs and cryptographic key management products, to meet the most demanding requirements of public-sector and commercial customers around the world. A privately held company backed by leading technology investors, AEP Networks is based in Somerset, N.J., with European headquarters in London and a Government Solutions Group in Rockville, Md. Visit www.aepnetworks.com for more information..

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