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Valtori and Tieto agree on government data centre and capacity services

The Finnish Government ICT Centre Valtori and Tieto have signed a multi-annual agreement on data centre and capacity services. Based on the agreement, Valtori may acquire IT services for its own use or for its customers' use. The agreement is based on the framework agreement concluded with Hansel in 2013, and it covers a significant part of the framework agreement's full potential.

According to the service agreement with Valtori, central government agencies and institutions who are Valtori's customers will acquire services under the Hansel framework arrangement directly through Valtori. In addition to Valtori, Tieto has customer-specific service agreements with 14 public sector organizations. The majority of these are now under the scope of the Valtori agreement. The fixed-term agreement period spans until July 2018, and, thereafter, includes another three optional years.

"The agreement forms an integral part of the implementation of the state data centre and capacity service strategy which was finalized at the beginning of 2014. According to the strategy, we provide our customers with cost-effective and standardized data centre and capacity services with high information security protection levels. We centralise servers in a significantly smaller number of data centres than at present. This will bring significant cost savings to the government. Cloud services will be used to lower unit costs, speed up development projects, facilitate scalability and improve usability," says Kari Pessi, CEO at Valtori.

"It is great to have Valtori involved and, through it, also Valtori's customers. Government-level cost-savings potential will be achieved through economies of scale, i.e., through having everyone utilising standardized services," says Leila Lehtinen, Vice President of Tieto Public Finland.

The framework agreement covers data centre and capacity services as well as related monitoring and management services, telecommunications and data protection, the management of events, service requests, asset management, expert services, reporting on services and the continuous development of service operations.

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