



JAMAICA IS IN CONTROL!

Microsoft launched its latest comprehensive suite of security products in Jamaica at the Hilton Kingston on Thursday, April 12, 2007:
Microsoft Forefront and Microsoft System Center.

1. LAUNCH EVENT:

- 75 Attendees
- Welcome: Joseph McKinson
- Greetings from Sen. The Hon. Minister Kern Spencer
- Speakers: Andres Blanco, Dwayne Fernandez & Silverio Saladin.
- Expert Panel: Andres Blanco, Leroy McLean, Silverio Saladin

2. PRESS

- The attending Media were as follows: The Jamaica Observer, The Gleaner, The Sunday Herald, Jamaica Business magazine and Jamaica Information Service (JIS).

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LEGISLATION TO COMBAT CYBER CRIME WILL CREATE SECURE ENVIRONMENT FOR DOING BUSINESS



Minister of State for Industry, Technology, Energy and Commerce, Senator Kern Spencer speaking with Joseph McKinson, Microsoft Country Manager (left) and Andres Blanco, Microsoft Security Initiative Manager for the Caribbean and Central America at the Microsoft Forefront and System Center launch at the Hilton Hotel.

Minister of State for Industry, Technology, Energy and Commerce, Senator Kern Spencer, has said that the government's efforts to implement appropriate legislation to combat electronic fraud and cyber crimes, would serve to create a secure business environment and enhance consumer confidence.

"Recent experiences in Jamaica with respect to electronic fraud and indeed the global increase in cyber crimes have given momentum to our efforts to craft effective anti-cyber crime

legislation. These measures, reinforced by good corporate governance and the application of appropriate security technology, will serve to create a secure business environment and enhance consumer confidence," he stated.

The State Minister, who was speaking today (April 12) at the launch of the Microsoft Forefront and Microsoft System Centre at the Hilton Kingston hotel, pointed to the Standards Act and Regulations; the Consumer Protection, Postal Corporation, Telecommunications and the Electronic Acts, as legislation in place to fight electronic fraud and cyber crimes and modernize the country's business environment.

According to Senator Spencer, Jamaica was becoming increasingly technologically advanced and the use of information communications technology (ICT) had become an important part of service delivery.

"As we become more increasingly reliant on technology, the government has been offering an increasing number of services online, to make it easier for our citizens to do business, and we have recorded successes in the deployment of e-services," he pointed out.

He cited the Jamaica Customs e-payment system, the National Land Agency's E-land Jamaica facility, the Companies of Jamaica's online access facility, and the Internal Revenue Department's tax payment portal, as initiatives to improve business practices.

The State Minister pointed out however, that the legal framework for commercial banking, trade and other financial relationships were derived from the computer era and were ill-suited to the notion of electronic commerce.

"Many of the laws under which the government and private sector conduct their business are still heavily dependent on paperwork, evidenced by original versions of executed paper documents. Without modifications to Jamaica's legal framework to accommodate and promote the emerging electronic commerce economy, the full development of the implementation and online processes in Jamaica will be impeded," he stated.

The Microsoft Forefront and System Centre are tools that revolutionize the technological platform of companies, in terms of management and security. The products offer businesses an agile and secure infrastructure that easily integrates and simplifies management, and maximizes productivity of the Windows platform.

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Andres Blanco (right), security initiative manager for Microsoft Caribbean, shakes hands with Joseph McKinnon (left), Microsoft Jamaica country manager, at the launch of the Microsoft Forefront and Microsoft System Centre products on Thursday at the Hilton Hotel in Kingston. Senator Kers Spencer, minister of state in the Ministry of Industry, Technology, Energy and Commerce, shares in the moment. (Photo: Karl McLarty)



Microsoft launches new IT security and management solutions in Jamaica

BY VAUGHN DAVIS

MICROSOFT Jamaica, the local arm of international software giant Microsoft, last week launched two new products geared at minimizing the time and effort spent by businesses to maintain, administer and protect their IT systems. The products, which are geared towards performing proactive maintenance of computers and computer systems, are Microsoft Forefront and Microsoft System Centre. Andres Blanco, security initiative manager for Microsoft Caribbean, expressed particular satisfaction with the capacity planner feature of the System Centre line of products, which he claims approximately \$9 million was collected online by government offices, with the total collected to date being in excess of \$75 million. Local business owners interested in learning more about Microsoft Forefront can contact the Microsoft branch or visit Microsoft's website where they can get free trial versions of the software.

INVITATION TO BID
National Solid Waste Management Authority Public Cleansing Contracts
COLLECTION OF ZONES

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the collection of selected roadways in the parishes of Kingston & St. Andrew, St. Thomas, St. Catherine and Clarendon (Riverton Wastebed).

1. DESCRIPTION OF WORK
The work involves the collection of selected roadways in the Riverton Wastebed which comprises Kingston & St. Andrew (22 zones), St. Thomas (2 zones), Upper St. Catherine (4 zones), Portmore Municipality (3 zones), and Clarendon (4 zones).
Zonal maps will be included in the bid documents.

2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
Five (5) Years experience in solid waste collection/sweeping activities
Valid National Contracts Commission Certificate at the time of bid submission
Valid Tax Compliance Certificate at the time of bid submission
Company Profile

3. PURCHASE OF BID DOCUMENT
Interested bidders may obtain information, inspect or purchase bid documents with zonal maps upon payment of a non-refundable fee of J\$2,000 in cash or manager's cheque made payable to the National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) in full.

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