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Nvolve Launch Outsourcing in Northern Ireland for Sharepoint and .Net Applications



Today outsourcing technology development is a big way in which companies in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland compete, according to Lee Tedstone, director of Nvolve Limited Outsourcing division. Tedstone states, *"That's why companies are continuing to watch spend and return on investment (ROI) in development of their applications"*.

Nvolve's outsourcing service is based in Northern Ireland with offices in the Republic of Ireland and India, specialising in the development of outsourcing to India while keeping the project and account management in Ireland. Tedstone says *"Our team of project and account managers based here in Ireland provides the strategic and technology direction for our developers based in India allowing us to maintain close working relationships with our client while our developers concentrate on being able to provide cost effective high quality development resources"*.

Tedstone says cost was not the major issue in management's decision to set up our outsource business. Instead, it was *"availability of highly skilled labor."* Nvolve went through this process them selves in development of their learning management software (www.nvolve.net) and want to share the benefits with other Irish operations. *"Talented people were in short supply when we were engaged in our product development. We were unable to secure the coding skills we needed at any sort of reasonable cost, so the company took a stake holding in a software development centre in India,"* the director explains.

Today the Irish operation actually offshores part of its applications development to its Indian operation *"to maximize the benefits."* Tedstone says that the company utilizes different skill sets at their Indian centre. Tasks like re-engineering projects are best shipped to India. That's when, for example, software designed for one platform must be modified so that it runs on a different platform or database. *"We like the cost savings as well as the availability of the relevant skills,"* he says of his Indian centre. The subject matter and expertise tends to stay in Ireland.

Tedstone says his programmers are trained to specialize in particular aspects of Sharepoint, .Net, SQL Server and IIS (Internet Information Server). Software engineers typically work as part of larger teams based mainly in the US, Ireland or mainland Europe. The multinational workforce means members on both sides of the pond need to be articulated about the specs and requirements. There are well-documented methodologies and lots of video and audio conferences available. For more information you can contact Lee Tedstone at 00353 7491 16000 or leetedstone@nvolve.net.