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TOUCH SYSTEMS EXPANDS THANKS TO THE BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAMME

A Solihull-based specialist IT company has received funding from a new grant-aid programme to help businesses grow.

Touch Systems, which boasts over 28 years of experience, is one of a growing number of companies in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) area benefiting from the Business Growth Programme (BGP).

The company has used the funding to expand offices at The Pavilions Business Park in Cranmore, doubling its footprint.

Touch Systems Director, Richard Gamlin, Managing Director explained: “The BGP Grant has come at a perfect time in our development and will help us move forward much more quickly than first anticipated. Having larger offices will give us an ideal platform to manage our business growth.”

He added: “We have always been committed to recruiting local people to work in our organisation and now we can accelerate this and offer great opportunities to talented individuals to join our successful team.”

Councillor Ian Courts, Cabinet Member for Managed Growth and Deputy Leader at Solihull Council said:

“It is great to see the growth of local companies such as Touch Systems, supported by the Business Growth Programme and Solihull Council. We recognise finance is a key issue for businesses and this initiative provides a critical stepping stone to enable organisations to realise expansion and recruitment plans. I urge all local businesses to get in touch and see how they can benefit.”

The Business Growth Programme is a £33 million business support programme designed to strengthen supply chains, stimulate innovation and grow existing small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) across the Greater Birmingham and Solihull, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire and The Marches Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).

Part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund and managed by Birmingham City Council, the BGP builds on the successful delivery of the Business Development Programme, the Business Innovation Programme and the Green Bridge Supply Chain Programme.

For more information about the programme please visit

<http://www.solihullforsuccess.com/business/business-support/finance-and-grants>

For full eligibility criteria contact Solihull Council’s Business Support team on 0121 704 6151 or 6920 or email business@solihull.gov.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

The £33m Business Growth Programme is managed by Birmingham City Council and is part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The programme offers a comprehensive package of business support to B2B Small to Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) based in the Greater Birmingham & Solihull, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, and The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas. Visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/bgp

The Business Growth Programme is receiving up to £16.3m of funding from the England European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020. The Department for Communities and Local Government is the Managing Authority for ERDF. Established by the European Union ERDF funds help local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations. For more information visit www.gov.uk/european-growth-funding

