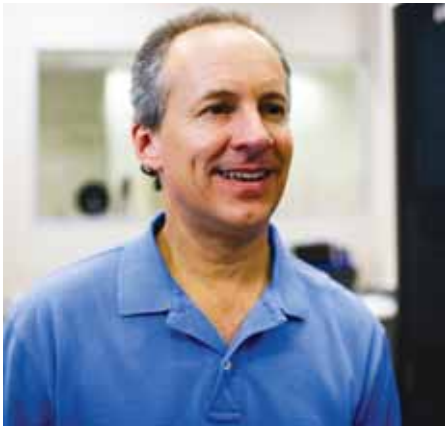


HP Energy Efficient Servers Accredited By Sustainable Energy Ireland



HP Enterprise Business, the leading provider of technology and services to Irish businesses, has announced that 15 of its ProLiant G6, ML and DL Servers have been accredited by Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI), five times more than that of its competitors.

In April 2009, the SEI announced the expansion of the Accelerated Capital Allowance tax incentive scheme to include



ICT equipment which encourages businesses to purchase energy efficient technology equipment. The scheme allows businesses to write off 100% of the capital cost of the equipment against their taxable income in the same year.

SEI accredited servers must meet various energy efficiency criteria and have a minimum 'performance to power' ratio on industry standard benchmark performance tests.

According to Ciaran Hynes, Business Unit Manager, HP Ireland: "Companies are focused on the green agenda but these difficult economic times mean they must also keep their eye on the bottom line. This innovative scheme allows our customers to switch to more energy efficient equipment, which means they save on power and they save on costs."

Effectively for every €20,000 spent on accredited energy efficient servers, such as the HP servers, there is a tax saving of €2,500. "Normally such equipment is depreciated over eight years. However now companies can benefit from the tax savings in full in the year of purchase," said Hynes, who added that there is no minimum spend requirement.

HP Ireland anticipates that the ACA scheme will be extended to include blade servers in the next round of the accreditation process which will take place in early 2010.
