



Guidewire Software Announces Expansion at Its Dublin Software Centre

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DUBLIN--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 13, 2015-- Guidewire Software, Inc. (NYSE:GWRE), a global provider of software products to the general insurance industry, today announced the expansion of its operations in Ireland with the leasing of additional office space to handle its growing team. To build on its success in the country, Guidewire anticipates hiring 60-80 new staff in 2015/2016. Already employing more than 150 people at its Global Services and Development Centre in Dublin, this expansion will position Guidewire Software Ireland as the largest office outside of the U.S., where the company is headquartered. The additional staff will provide consultancy support and product development resources to some of Guidewire's 180 customers around the world.

Today's jobs announcement by Guidewire Software is supported by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation through IDA Ireland, the Government agency responsible for the attraction and development of foreign investment in Ireland.

There are two components to the Development Centre and Global Services in Dublin: the European Development Centre (EDC) and the Guidewire Services Centre (GSC). Product Development has been a significant factor in the growth of the EDC this year, where its highly-skilled technical team is developing product extensions, accelerators, mobile applications and web portals. The strength of technical talent in Ireland led Guidewire to designate the Dublin site as its fifth Development Centre, joining the Guidewire teams in the San Francisco Bay Area, Exton (Pennsylvania), Tokyo, and Toronto as a product development operation.

"We have been very pleased with the quality of talent and output from our Dublin office, and I regard our decision to start operations in Ireland as one of the best we have made in the last several years," said **Marcus Ryu, chief executive officer, Guidewire Software**. *"We intend to build on that success with a significant increase in our hiring plans and a deeper integration of our Dublin-based personnel into the career progression opportunities of the company, especially in Europe."*

Dan Lonborg, engineering director and head of the European Development Centre, added, *"It's a great vote of confidence in the team and the outstanding work they have done that we've decided to increase our investment in the European Development Centre. This expansion will allow us to take on bigger, more complex and new types of projects in Dublin."* Dan continued, *"Guidewire's goal is to build the best software possible for our industry and our Dublin team has a significant role in this. They are committed to our core principles of product quality."*

Recruitment activity is underway to fill the newly created positions. Current available roles include:

- Software Engineers/Developers
- Web and Mobile Developers
- Automation QA Engineers
- Dev Ops Engineers
- Product Managers
- Technical Consultants
- Graduate Developers.

Further details are available at: <https://careers.guidewire.com/>

Guidewire Global Services in Dublin continues to take on more projects, drawing from experience gained in over 30 successful implementations. **Niall Lalor, distributed consulting director, Guidewire Ireland**, commented, *"It's been incredibly exciting to see the Guidewire Ireland office grow from strength to strength since we established in 2011. This expansion provides more ways for us to serve our customers while also offering excellent career opportunities for our team."*

Richard Bruton TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, noted, *"Financial services technology is a niche sector which we have identified as part of our Action Plan for Jobs, and in recent years we have seen significant jobs expansion in both Irish and multinational companies in this area. Today's announcement by Guidewire that it is hiring up to 80 new staff in Blanchardstown is another great boost. What is particularly encouraging is how important the Dublin operation has become in a short time within this global company, and how impressed the decision-makers have been with the talent they can employ here. I wish all at Guidewire every success with this investment."*

Martin Shanahan, CEO IDA Ireland, also welcomed today's announcement. *"Guidewire Software is one of a significant number of international ICT companies using Ireland as a base to develop software products for the global financial services industry. Guidewire's expansion of its Dublin centre is further evidence of Ireland's ability to attract high-value investments from leading companies in software development. I would like to offer the continued support of IDA Ireland to Guidewire as it grows its international business from Ireland."*

About Guidewire Software

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