

## TeckChek Launches Extranet Program Providing Plug-and-Play



### Integration of Testing and Assessment at Reduced Costs

Link2consult becomes first vendor partnership to employ new TeckChek Extranet, providing corporate clients with optimal matches for supplemental staffing needs

TeckChek, the leading provider of vendor-independent IT skills assessment services since 1987, announced today that it has launched a new Extranet program that allows partners to integrate testing and assessment into their core product without having to incur the time and expense of building this capability from the ground-up.

“There is a tremendous need for tools that serve to facilitate and improve upon human capital management initiatives, such as the management of IT staffing vendors and the selection of a supplemental staff, in order to enhance a corporation’s efficiency, effectiveness, and return-on-investment,” stated Alex Gray, President and CEO of TeckChek. “Our new Extranet program presents partners with the capability to provide their customers with just such a testing and assessment tool, along with the added benefit of TeckChek’s experience, reputation, and a gold standard product that has evolved from over 14 years in the testing and assessment business.”

TeckChek’s Extranet Program allows third parties to incorporate skills assessment capabilities into products they have developed to facilitate an intermediary site on which corporations can post their staffing needs and staffing vendors can respond to these needs by submitting qualified candidates with validated skills assessments.

The immediate interest and need for this program was confirmed by Link2consult, which chose to join TeckChek as the first vendor partnership in the new Extranet program. Link2consult client BASF has become the first corporation to benefit from access to TeckChek’s assessments through the TeckChek Extranet program incorporated into Link2consult’s vendor management tool.

Link2consult has developed an outstanding vendor management tool to facilitate the creation and distribution of job requisitions and the response to those requisitions by supplemental staffing vendors. While there are other tools on the market today that provide a similar service, many of these systems only succeed in producing more resumes for corporate clients. More resumes do not equate to more qualified candidates, and the ultimate goal of the corporate client is to find the optimal match for their supplemental staffing need.

“We began this Extranet partnership with TeckChek not only to save time and money by automating a manual process, but to improve the ability of our clients to gain valuable insights into objectively measured skills,” said Brian Shaw, Project Manager at Link2consult. “This will allow Link2consult clients such as BASF and Siemens to find the best match, based on knowledge, skills, and experience, for their supplemental staffing requisitions.”

### About Link2consult

Link2consult ([www.link2consult.com](http://www.link2consult.com)) is a new business-to-business E-commerce application that helps companies optimize the process of procuring skilled workers through preferred staffing vendors. As a fully secure, web-based solution Link2consult simplifies this critical link in the supply-chain and saves com-



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panies time and money by enabling an efficient flow of information between hiring managers, recruiters, purchasing and human resource staff. Through its unique combination of customizable services, analysis tools, and highly integrated processes, Link2consult empowers clients to maximize available resources and build better relationships with vendors.

Link2consult's primary strength lies in its ability to bring focus to the often time-intensive and inefficient process of qualifying and hiring skilled workers. By partnering with leading vendors of value-added services, Link2consult allows clients to perform automatic background checks, credential and educational verification, reference checking, and technical skills testing through a single easy-to-use interface. Since these services are available and configurable for each job requisition, managers have complete control and flexibility in specifying the most relevant criteria for a given job.

#### About TeckChek

For over 14 years, TeckChek ([www.teckchek.com](http://www.teckchek.com)) has enabled large organizations to manage enterprise-wide IT skills and improve the productivity of technical recruiting, training, staff augmentation and resource management programs.

Headquartered in New York City, with offices in Europe, Australia, and Africa, TeckChek offers more than 150 computer-based, adaptive exams in a wide array of advanced technologies to identify the most technically qualified candidates and verify the technical skills of IT staffing consultants. The onsite and self-administered tests reduce the need for time consuming technical interviews and reduce the risk, as well as the expense, of having to replace technically unqualified personnel. Project performance is improved by matching employee and candidate skills to project requirements.

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