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## HM Land Registry: Transforming the way people buy and sell property in England and Wales

Land Registry moves forward to implement an e-conveyancing system to simplify and expedite the buying and selling of property in England and Wales

### Challenge

HM Land Registry is a self-funding government department that maintains the title register of 20 million properties across England and Wales. Land Registry provides the public with Web-based access to its database of titles and plans through its Land Register Online site, as well as to property prices paid on most sales transactions since April 2000. This site receives more than 3,000 hits per day, and has won a number of industry awards.

“Land Registry places a huge amount of importance on the reliability, robustness and security of its IT infrastructure and systems,” noted Ted Beardsall CBE, Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Business Development of Land Registry.

The next step for Land Registry is to use this investment to transform the buying and selling of property in England and Wales.

### Solution

Land Registry is implementing a first-of-its-kind e-conveyancing solution. Through e-conveyancing, it will replace paper-based processes and systems with electronic documents, applications and signatures. This solution is part of a central pillar of the government’s broader agenda to modernize public services.

IBM will work alongside Land Registry in the development and build of the IT infrastructure required to support e-conveyancing. The program is scheduled to be piloted in 2007 before being fully introduced.

### Benefits of innovation

- Will fundamentally change the way that Land Registry and the conveyancing community works
- Will provide the general public with greater visibility of their property transactions, relieving a significant part of the stress of buying and selling houses

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