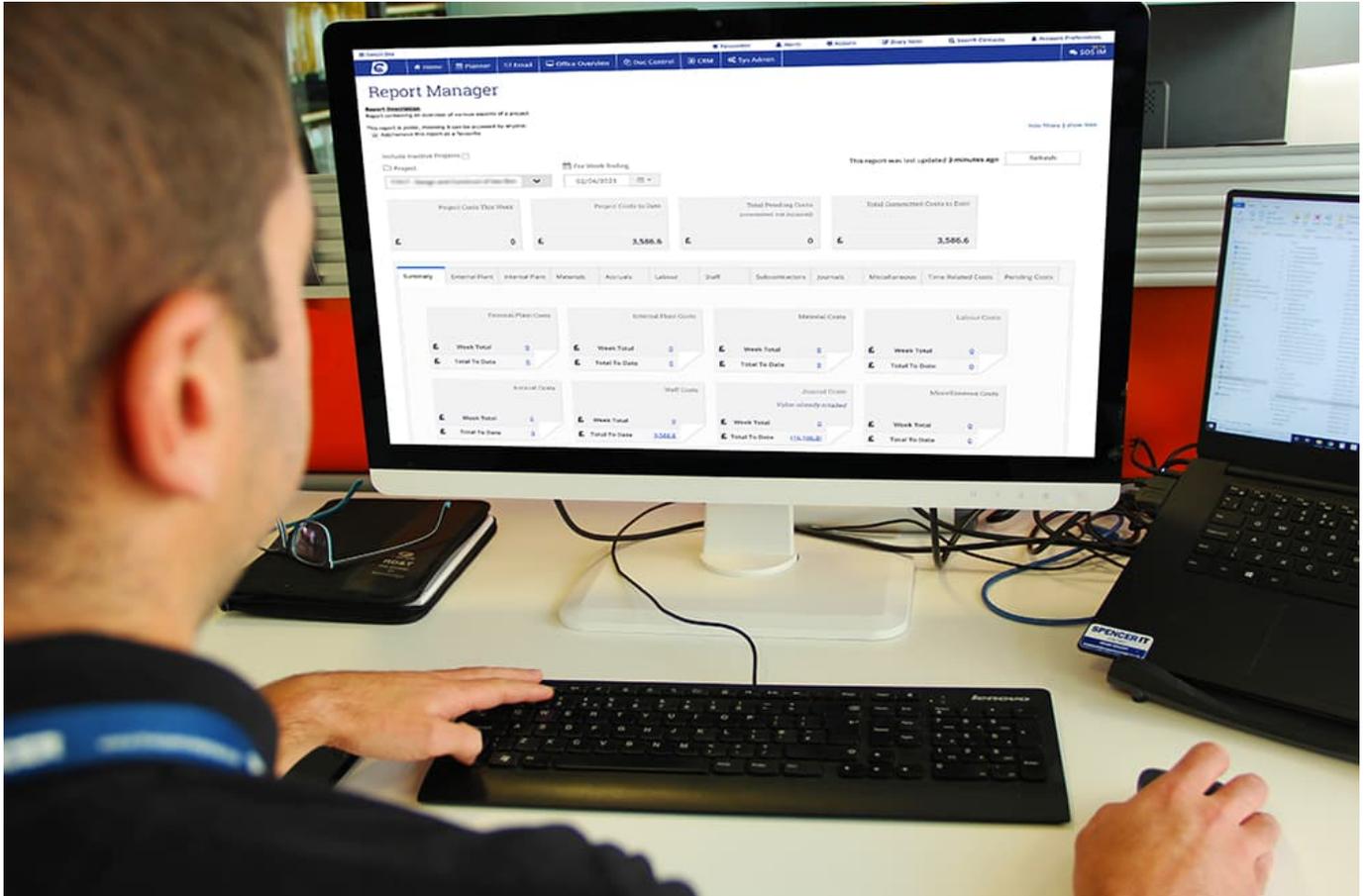


# Spencer Group software partners nominated for national technology awards

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Spencer Group's software partners have been recognised ahead of the prestigious NCE Techfest awards – with a total of three nominations.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Spencer Group's DataCow and XER Schedule Toolkit partners, both products have secured nominations at the technology awards for their ground-breaking data storage, retrieval and information sharing technology.

DataCow is an all-round collaborative Enterprise Resource Planning software which, in addition to its cutting-edge AI and machine learning implementation – has a unique story to tell: it both serves and was born out of the construction industry.

Collaboration has long been the key to fast delivery of complex projects – and DataCow, a unique software as-a-service platform driven by AI – was developed to bring clients, contractors and suppliers together, and recognise the unique challenges facing multidisciplinary engineering.

DataCow is a fully comprehensive interface, driven via Amazon Web Services, which gives staff secure

cloud-based access to emails, instant messages, live project data, HR information and version-tracked project documents. Since it began development, DataCow has grown to store 20 million documents as part of a fully backed-up solution.

The key to its success is that clients and subcontractors also have access, and can see and review documents and data at any time. It has succeeded in becoming a true, fully-transparent client-contractor software, with a full history of paperwork, revisions, data, and correspondence kept safe during and after a project.

DataCow has been nominated for the Technology Leader Trailblazer and Technology Provider Trailblazer awards.

XER Schedule Toolkit helped Spencer Group deliver works successfully a year ahead of schedule on the Stevenage Turnback Facility, providing unprecedented levels of controllable information extracted from complex planning software - making even the most technical operations trackable by any stakeholder on site.

The customisable cloud-based data analysis software allows contractors to manage projects and vital resources. Project data can be viewed, analysed and shared, with constant live progress updates and bespoke project trackers including the ability to overlay resources, cost accounts and activities on a single chart.

Information developed in packages like Primavera P6, Microsoft Project and Asta Powerproject is useful to planners but can appear needlessly complex when informing project stakeholders. XER Schedule Toolkit converts and refines information from these programmes and allows the easy creation of clear visual breakdowns.

Now, stakeholders don't have to think like planners or share the same training to know what is happening. The Toolkit presents data, as it is updated, in a way that speaks anyone's visual language whether they are office-based, working remotely or actually on site. XER has been nominated for the Best Use of Technology (Site Productivity) for the Stevenage project.

NCE Techfest is a one-day festival held to celebrate the projects, teams and companies embracing the digital revolution and harnessing technology and digital to propel the industry forward.

The event will be held on 02 December at the Leonardo Royal London Tower Bridge, with a compelling day of content highlighting some of the most forward-thinking application of technology and digital in the infrastructure and buildings sectors.

Charlie Spencer OBE, Executive Chairman of Spencer Group, said: "We are pleased that the tireless efforts our digital partners have put into developing their software has been recognised. These products have been pivotal to Spencer Group in helping us achieve success and outstanding delivery on the projects we work on, and have helped support our teams' expertise in the sectors we operate in.

"We will keep our fingers crossed that on the night our partners get to take home a trophy or three.

Everyone at Spencer Group will be rooting for them.”

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