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Press release

Abou's client Karlstad has received Sweden's IT-municipality of the year award, 2013

Stockholm, November 25th, 2013 – The Addnode Group subsidiary Abou's client, the municipality of Karlstad, has received Sweden's IT municipality of the year award, 2013. They have been recognized for their successful efforts to develop and improve municipal operations using IT-solutions delivered by Abou.

The motives to why Karlstad has received this award are several different successful projects. One of these projects is called a common e-society in Värmland, where Abou, a subsidiary of Addnode Group, is the supplier. The project resulted in further development and introduction of Abou's e-service platform "Automaten" in Värmland. The platform was delivered in February 2013 to the municipalities in Värmland and provides the opportunity for all municipalities in the county to work with e-services while saving money.

The journey began in 2010 when Karlstad chose to scrap their IT-strategy and instead decided to develop a policy for business development with IT support. The vision is *"it should be easy to live in Karlstad"*.

- Being named Sweden's IT municipality of the year is a proof that the municipality of Karlstad has Sweden's best IT-support. We have for several years worked hard to create an IT business in the forefront and this award is proof that we have succeeded with our mission, says Inge Hansson, Head of IT at Karlstad municipality.



"Karlstadsappen", the presence of the different departments on Facebook and access to the municipality through Karlstad Contact Center are other projects that have been implemented to simplify the life for the residents in the municipality.

Karlstad is Abou's second client who receives the award. In 2011, Abou's client the municipality of Upplands Väsby was appointed Sweden's IT municipality of the year for their efforts to use information technology and digitization opportunities.

The Swedish IT municipality award is handed out by Local Authorities and Regions (Sveriges kommuner och Landsting), Quality Fair (Kvalitetsmässan), the Digitizing Commission (Digitaliseringskommissionen), Microsoft, VINNOVA, IT & Telecom Industries (IT&Telekomföretagen) and Dagens Samhälle.

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About Abou

Abou develops innovative IT solutions with Lean as an inspiration. We combine new technology, business and design to create simple, intuitive and visual products that engage and create curiosity in organizations.

Our core product is called Automaten - a standardized e-service platform used by more than 40 municipalities in Sweden. Automaten has been developed together with our clients, as our other products. This is the best way of doing business - placing us in the operations to create a better understanding of how our clients work, and then build really sharp IT solutions that create great value. Abou is a part of the Addnode Group, which in 2012 had a turnover of 1,365 MSEK and is listed on the NASDAQ OMX Nordic List, Small Cap.

About Addnode Group

Addnode Group provides mission-critical IT solutions. We are the Nordic market leader in IT solutions for design, engineering and product lifecycle management. We also have a strong market position in Sweden in case management systems to the public sector, municipal engineering systems, geographical information systems and a strong offering in the web area.

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