

# ITWorx expands in Dubai and Doha

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**DUBAI** — Egypt's largest software professional services company ITWorx has allotted at least Dh11 million (\$3 million) for its new operations in Dubai and Doha beginning this month and by the end of this year respectively.

The company's president Wael Amin said the budget includes the money spent last year on the establishment of ITWorx office in Riyadh, where the company has just kicked off a project for Ministry of Labour. He said the Dh22million (\$6 million) project

involves the installation of an IT platform to make government services, including payment, available through the Internet. The project will be completed within one and a half years.

He added that ITWorx has an ongoing similar project with the Municipality of Jeddah. Costing Dh3.68 million (\$1 million), the project runs for one year.

With the establishment of its Dubai office, ITWorx is targeting more clients in the education, telecom and government sectors this year. "And by next year we will concentrate on getting off the

ground and consolidating our portfolio," Amin said.

He said the company has just finished phase one of its project with the UAE Ministry of Education involving the setting up of an online platform to complement classroom education in 20 schools for students aged 8 to 14.

He added that second phase of the Dh1.84 (\$500,000) project, which involves parents-students-teachers collaboration, will target 30 more schools.

Set for completion by 2009, the project will eventually involve around 500 primary and

secondary schools across the UAE. This project is an online platform that allows students and parents to access assignment instructions from teachers.

The UAE's new telecom operator du has also been one of ITWorx's prominent clients. Since mid-2006, ITWorx has struck Dh18.36-million (\$5 million) a year "strategic partnership" with du that involves portal installation and the establishment of its number management online system.

Recently, ITWorx had a four-month project with the University of Sharjah which amounted to Dh734,420 (\$200,000).