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Anderson Union High School District Streamlines Application Deployment, Provisioning and Access

School District Standardizes on Provision Networks Access Solutions

Date – Anderson, California. Provision Networks, the global provider of server-based access infrastructure solutions for the Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT) Windows Terminal Server platform, today announced that the Anderson Union High School District (AUHSD) in Northern California, in conjunction with *Technology Support Professionals*, has adopted the Provision Management Framework® for its enterprise application deployment, provisioning and access.

The Provision Management Framework (PMF), Enterprise Edition is a full-featured access infrastructure solution that leverages the Microsoft Windows Server 2003 platform, and delivers anywhere, anytime access to applications and network resources. Enterprise features such as Seamless Windows, Application Publishing, Load Balancing, Access Control, a Web Portal and an SSL Gateway embrace the RDP protocol and enhance the deployment, manageability, performance, and security of Terminal Services environments of all sizes.

With 2,400 students and 200 faculty members across six campus sites and a district office, desktop management, application deployment, and access accounted for a significant portion of the support efforts by the IT group.

Working with Emergent OnLine (www.EmergentOnLine.com), one of the most experienced server-based computing consultancies in the world, AUHSD implemented a centralized application access, management, and deployment infrastructure based on the Provision Management Framework. AUHSD had initially attempted to deploy a Tarantella solution which failed to work satisfactorily and considered a Citrix solution which was dismissed as too costly. Emergent OnLine, an unbiased integrator, presented the alternatives and worked closely with AUHSD to get their new infrastructure in production before the new school season started.

“We couldn’t be happier with this new infrastructure,” said Aaron Zimmerman, Director of IT with AUHSD. “Provision Networks has allowed us to centralize our application access and management infrastructure, and has drastically reduced on-going desktop support costs.”

The Provision Networks infrastructure deployed at AUHSD consists of eleven Windows 2003 Terminal Servers running the Enterprise Edition of the PMF to deliver a variety of educational, tutoring, and productivity applications, including Microsoft Office, Microsoft Outlook and Lotus Notes. Centralized applications are accessible from any of the school district’s six campus sites and one district office. All student labs and faculty offices are equipped with a mixture of HP thin clients and desktop computers. The school was also able to take advantage of its prior investment in several Sun Ray 170 ultra thin clients, using rdesktop and connecting through Provision Networks’ Proxy-IT gateway.

“The education segment is in dire need of cost-effective, yet feature-rich access management and deployment solutions,” said Mike Moore, Vice President of Sales with Provision Networks. “We are happy that our industry leading solutions are being adopted worldwide at leading organizations such as AUHSD.”

Commenting further on his implementation at AUHSD, Mr. Zimmerman said: “The simplicity of the interface is a wonderful advantage. However the richness of the features is what sold me. The granularity of application publishing, being able to map printers based on device name, and the intelligent load balancing make this server-based computing system so superior. Next we plan on implementing Web-IT and Secure-IT to allow our students and faculty secure remote access into the system from anywhere, anytime, over any connection, as well as MetaProfiles-IT to manage complex profile configurations.”

About Provision Networks

Provision Networks is a global provider of server-based access infrastructure provisioning, management, optimization and security. Provision Networks solutions embrace and extend the Citrix MetaFrame® and Microsoft Terminal Services platforms, delivering resilient and scalable on-demand access for enterprises worldwide.

The Enterprise Edition of the Provision Management Framework® is designed to extend the native (RDP) functionality of Windows Terminal Services with important features such as Seamless Windows, Session-Sharing, Intelligent Load Balancing, Application Publishing, a Web-based interface, and an integrated SSL Gateway (RDP over SSL).

Included in the Enterprise Edition, the Provision Management Framework, Standard Edition is a comprehensive access management solution designed to improve and

enhance the provisioning, performance, manageability, and security of your terminal server access infrastructure.

In a single package, you get:

- Provide printing support for any client or network printer with a single universal print driver; Print-IT®
- Allow users to compute in their own time zones, regardless of the server's time zone; TimeZones-IT®
- Automate several time-consuming session configuration and lockdown tasks; Manage-IT®
- Enforce granular firewall access rules and exercise schedule-aware application execution control, all on a session-by-session basis, and without disrupting corporate security policies; Block-IT®
- Enhance application compatibility by enabling single-user applications to execute reliably in multi-user mode in a Terminal Server environment; Redirect-IT®
- Enhance the mobility of an access infrastructure by allowing users to fully synchronize their USB-based BlackBerry and Palm devices over RDP and ICA connections; USB-IT®
- Achieve unprecedented logon speeds and stability levels of user profiles by implementing new profile management techniques; MetaProfiles-IT®
- Improve application response times and expand overall server capacity by streamlining and optimizing the use of CPU and virtual memory resources; Max-IT®

With a world-class client list, comprised of some of the world's largest commercial enterprises, and government organizations, Provision Networks is the most trusted name in access infrastructure management, security, and optimization.

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