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Ascent Data Offers 'Encryption as a Service' for Data in Motion

Ascent DataGuard, Powered by Certes Networks' TrustNet Manager



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PITTSBURGH, Nov. 3, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Ascent Data announced today, the launch of Ascent DataGuard, a new Encryption as a Service (EaaS) data security solution. Powered by TrustNet Manager from Certes Networks, Ascent DataGuard is a web-based management platform that provides encryption of data-in-motion as it travels across wide area networks and cloud infrastructures.



Ascent DataGuard provides a fast and cost-effective option for companies looking to secure data in motion, especially those looking to adopt cloud networking through public or private cloud migrations. Available as a standalone solution, or as part of Ascent2Cloud for cloud computing or Ascent DataColo for colocation, Ascent DataGuard protects data on the network without impacting existing network performance or service levels, and without capital expenditures.

"Through our SAS 70 Type II data center solutions, and our partnership with Certes Networks as the region's first provider of multi-layer EaaS, we deliver all the benefits of the industry's leading network security, while mitigating the costs associated with distribution, deployment, and ongoing upgrades and maintenance of corporate-owned assets," said Steve Shangold, CEO at Ascent Data.

Ascent DataGuard eliminates all of the tradeoffs that have traditionally accompanied network encryption, and allows organizations to follow the best practice of separating security and infrastructure management roles. Certes Networks' innovative policy and key management solution, and multi-layer, wire-speed encryption appliances can secure any network without impacting the underlying infrastructure or application performance.

"We are pleased to offer our encryption solution through Ascent Data who has built a strong reputation as a trusted data center service provider," said Thomas Gill, CEO of Certes Networks. "The Ascent DataGuard managed security service provides a cost-effective means for complying with data security regulations and implementing security best practices."

Shangold added, "Ascent DataGuard simplifies security management while preserving network performance and functionality. Our customers are able to secure networks and achieve regulatory compliance, whether they are subject to PCI DSS, HIPAA, HITECH, NERC CIP Standards, Sarbanes-Oxley or any data privacy/protection mandate. Ascent DataGuard reduces the cost of deploying, managing and maintaining encryption without impacting applications or infrastructure."

About Certes Networks

Certes Networks is the leader in multi-layer encryption solutions for high performance networks. The Company provides advanced IPsec VPN and encryption solutions for wide area networks, and enables secure connectivity to private and public clouds. Certes Networks helps organizations improve security, decrease risk, and reduce the cost of

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Ascent Data is Pittsburgh's trusted provider for Cloud Computing solutions and Data Center services, including Colocation, Remote Digital Data Backup, Data Encryption as a Service, and Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity solutions.

Customer IT infrastructure is protected in our secure, resilient SAS 70 Type II data center in O'Hara Township, near Pittsburgh, PA. By outsourcing IT infrastructure to Ascent Data, companies can dramatically improve operational efficiencies and reduce business risk, as well as free up human and financial resources to focus on core business objectives. For more information, please contact the Ascent Data sales team by email at sales@ascentdata.com, call 866.866.6100 or visit www.ascentdata.com.

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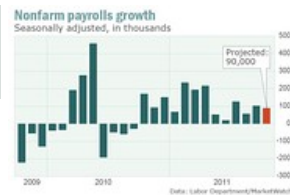
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