

EmergeCore All-in-One Network, the IT-100, Named Finalist for Network+InterOp Best of Show

-New "IT in a Box" combines an application server, switch, firewall, router and wireless access point to SMB and branch office market in a single web-managed device for \$1,395-*



April 23, 2003, Boise, Idaho - EmergeCore Networks, a leader in the development of high-value, low-cost integrated IT solutions for small business and branch offices, has just been named a finalist for the Network+InterOp Best of Show award, in the Network Infrastructure category. N+I is the formal premiere of EmergeCore's IT-100 "IT in a BOX"®. Final winners of the Best of Show award will be announced in Las Vegas on April 29, 2003, during the first day of the N+I show.

The IT-100 combines 20 gigabytes of storage with a router, a four-port switch, a firewall, a "wi-fi" wireless access point, an FTP server, multiple domain support, an e-mail server and VPN services in a single \$1,395 device.

In addition to its unparalleled low price point, the IT-100 eliminates the need for costly IT support. Even a non-technical person can set up and manage the IT-100 through the CoreVista web browser interface. There's no software installation required.

The IT-100 is available now. "Purchased separately, the purchase price alone for the functions we've incorporated in the IT-100 would exceed \$5,000," said Dave Brown, EmergeCore president and CEO. "Other network appliances are currently priced at 2-3 times the level of the IT-100 for functionality that's not nearly so easy-to-use or robust. And the cost savings is even greater when you look at the ROI analysis of the IT-100 compared to a traditional small network over the course of a year."

The GUI Windows-like interface of the CoreVista software is so simple that even a non-technical staff member could set up the network in minutes. The resulting network can support PCs, Macintosh workstations, Unix machines-basically any device with an Ethernet or wireless access point, including laptops, Tablet PCs and PDAs. With the built in wireless LAN access point, a small business can save the expensive task of wiring an office. With the built in VPN Server, a small business has the ability to remotely and securely connect to the office network, and multiple remote offices can securely connect to the head office. A small business can even create and host its own website without ever having to upload an FTP file. An office staff member can easily handle all of the setup functions of the IT-100, or if they choose, they can administer the unit through a

local ISP, CLEC, or a consultant or reseller. The IT-100 design is particularly appealing to the SMB with limited office space.

About EmergeCore

Founded in September 2000, EmergeCore Networks is focused on the further development of "IT in a Box"® networking solutions for small business and branch office customers. To reduce costs and simplify IT solutions, small businesses are focusing on simple, easy to manage technologies. EmergeCore Networks developed the IT-100 specifically to address the infrastructure technology needs of the small business customer. The IT-100 all-in-one IT solution provides the support, services, and functionality required for the small business owner.

EmergeCore is a private company based in Boise, Idaho. For more information about EmergeCore, readers can visit the company's website at www.emergecore.com