



PDS ACQUIRES PROVIDENT TECHNOLOGIES

Renowned Sheboygan-based systems management partner expands PDS knowledge base

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OCONOMOWOC, Wis. and SHEBOYGAN, Wis. – Jan. 19, 2009 – Paragon Development Systems, Inc. (PDS) announced that it has acquired Provident Technologies, Inc. Terms were not disclosed.

The Sheboygan-based Provident Technologies is a renowned Novell Platinum partner specializing in identity management and Linux-based solutions with engineering and sales divisions in Sheboygan, Madison and Milwaukee. The company is also an authorized sales and service repair facility for Hewlett Packard and Samsung printers, HP workstations, laptops and tablet PCs.

All Provident staff will be joining PDS as part of the acquisition, including COO Angela Daniels, who will head PDS’s provisioning and platform management software services as a Director in the Computing Architecture group. As part of the transition, PDS will maintain an office in the Sheboygan area indefinitely.

“Provident Technologies boasts rich IT infrastructure expertise, and we are pleased to welcome them to the team,” PDS CTO Austin Park said. “The skills added by the incoming group of consultants in open source, Novell Zenworks, and Novell identity management solutions will complement our already strong consulting capabilities in configuration management with Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager and LANDesk.”

“PDS continues to strengthen the Microsoft platform business, which we are well known for,” Park added. “But we can now offer our customers more choice with expertise in open source software as well.”

Provident’s long-term clients include Sheboygan Falls-based Johnsonville Sausage, for which Provident implemented comprehensive Novell identity and systems management solutions to achieve a single point of control for thousands of employee and digital partner identities.

The resulting Novell-based solution for Johnsonville paid for itself in a matter of months, reducing user management time and costs by 80 percent, reducing the number of passwords by 85 percent and cutting IT travel time and costs by 90 percent.

“The merger of PDS and Provident Technologies will enable the company to offer its customers high-value IT solutions, which gives them the flexibility and agility to deliver on their organization's IT objectives,” said Joe McLaughlin, vice president of partner and channel sales for Novell.

“In times of economic uncertainty, businesses like Johnsonville Sausage see the benefits of making an investment in improved IT infrastructure that can pay big dividends from both cost and organizational perspectives,” Park added. “With that in mind, we are excited to bring Provident into the fold and offer an even stronger knowledge base as a result.”

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In addition to being a major Enterprise Tier product and service reseller (for manufacturers such as HP, IBM, Cisco, Microsoft and others) PDS manufactures its own PDS-branded PCs in an ISO 9001:2000-certified 43,000-square-foot configuration center. PDS also offers clients a single-point-of-contact, ITIL-aware resource for service management with a 24x7 help desk.

Headquartered in Oconomowoc, Wis., PDS has office locations in Appleton, Brookfield, Madison, Sheboygan, and Wausau, WI, Chicago, IL, Indianapolis, IN, Columbus, OH, Minneapolis, MN and Kansas City, MO. With more than 260 employees, PDS holds more than 400 certifications in technology services, installation and support of computer systems. PDS has been assessed and approved by National Quality Assurance, USA, an accredited ISO 9000 auditor.

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