

Nominee: Cohesive Networks and Imagination Group

Nomination title: Migrating multiple VPN and MPLS connections to Azure in under 2 months

Imagination Group, a global creative agency, decided to migrate a new ERP application to a central Microsoft Azure location, but discovered existing technology could not connect using multiple VPNs. Without IKE version 1 integration with Azure's IKE version 2 devices, Imagination's data centres couldn't connect in time for their 2 month deadline. Cohesive Networks' VNS3 let them bridge the two versions, and the ERP app went from on-premises to live production within 2 months. "We couldn't connect multiple VPN sites to the Azure environment without VNS3," said Paul Saunders, Head of IT - EMEA & Global Networks.

Why nominee should win

Imagination were able to implement their Azure migration on schedule in under 2 months

IT team connected formerly on-premises ERP application to a live production cloud-based network

Bridged technology gap between data centre and Azure cloud IPsec network compatibility

Connected multiple VPN connections into a single Azure region without altering any existing infrastructure

Central Azure region allowed the company to achieve latency under 200ms globally