

Third Annual State of Resilience Report Published by Vision Solutions

Research findings reveal new insights for advanced user data protection and recovery strategies

IRVINE, Calif. (Dec. 15, 2010) **Vision Solutions, Inc.**, the world's leading provider of information availability software and services for the Windows, Linux, IBM Power Systems and Cloud computing markets, has released its "State of Resilience" report. The third annual executive overview provides an analysis of new and existing technologies IT professionals are employing to protect their critical information and ensure business continuity. The year-long study focused on responses from 6,488 technical professionals and executives that manage or oversee Windows, IBM AIX, IBM i, IBM z/OS, Linux, HP-UX, Solaris, and other operating environments.

"Fundamental shifts are underway as businesses of all sizes seek to deploy virtualization and cloud infrastructures to improve business performance," says Edward Vesely, Vision Solutions' senior vice president of marketing. "As businesses adopt these infrastructures, research in this report indicates they're also shifting from tape backup to more efficient and flexible technologies including software replication, software replication plus failover, and CDP to protect their systems."

"As we analyze how resilient companies are, we are also examining how they are managing this transition from the present to the future," said Vesely. "It's a story of resilience in the face of change."

Notable findings from the survey include:

- **Virtualization technology:** Virtualization is now well embedded in many IT organizations. (77% report virtual servers deployed, and 12% report plans to deploy.) Improved high availability and disaster recovery was cited as a third most popular benefit of virtualization for survey respondents, behind flexibility (faster deployment of physical servers and applications) and reduced investment in physical servers. Clearly, companies of all sizes are now beginning to realize the benefit of their virtualization efforts.
- **Disaster recovery confidence and concerns:** Despite steps that companies take to decrease risk in their IT systems, most professionals said their organizations were still vulnerable: Insufficient testing and lack of coordination of disaster recovery plans across the organization were cited as key concerns.
- **Early-stage technology:** Many organizations appear to be driving in the direction of cloud computing as a means to improve data center efficiency, flexibility and disaster recovery. Over a third of the companies surveyed (35%) have adopted or plan to adopt public or private clouds

within the next year for a variety of reasons: reduced costs, better services, and simplification of IT management across the business.

- **Data protection technologies:** Tape backup still plays a major role in organizations' data protection strategies. However, disaster recovery surveys conducted on February 2010 and July 2010, showed a drop in the predominance of tape/offsite backup, from 87% in February to 80% in August. The survey also shows an increase in the use of clustering as a data protection technology: 26% in February 2010, as compared to 30% in August 2010.

To download a copy of the full report, visit www.visionsolutions/stateofresilience2010

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