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State of Resilience on IBM Power Systems Second Annual Report Published by Vision Solutions

Research findings reveal insights and strategies of IBM i and AIX user data protection and recovery strategies

IRVINE, Calif. (Dec. 1, 2009) Vision Solutions, a leading **high availability and disaster recovery solutions** provider in IBM Power Systems markets, today announced its second annual "State of Resilience" report, a detailed overview of disaster recovery expectations, technologies and the overall state of resilience among IBM Power Systems users. The report is based on a year-long study including survey data from more than 3,500 technical professionals and executives involved with the management of IBM i (i5/OS) and AIX environments on IBM Power Systems.

"This report clearly demonstrates the urgency for companies of all sizes to ensure they have an effective data protection and business continuity plan in place," says Edward Vesely, Vision Solutions' senior vice president of marketing. "Such strategy undoubtedly involves the right combination of high availability, systems management and disaster recovery solutions; however, many firms still lack the appropriate technologies to meet their overall objectives."

According to Vesely, the report explains how a range of **business resiliency and optimization technologies benefit businesses of all sizes** – from the emerging SMB to the multinational enterprise.

Several notable findings emerging from the survey include:

- A trend toward even more aggressive recovery time and recovery point objectives across the platform – both IBM i and AIX
- Many firms do not have appropriate technologies in place to meet their recovery objectives
- Investment in disaster recovery technologies have outpaced High Availability
- **Continuous Data Protection (CDP)** "data rewind" capabilities are gaining support across companies of all size

"We encourage all businesses to implement a progressive IT strategy for planned and unplanned downtime, which can cost companies millions of dollars per year," said Mark Shearer, IBM Systems & Technology Group's vice president of marketing, communications and sales support. "To minimize those costs, it is imperative that companies implement proven high availability and disaster recovery solutions that protect critical business applications from outages, both planned and unplanned."

Vision Solutions and IBM will host a free **"State of IBM Power Systems Technology and Resilience" webcast Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009 at 11 a.m. EST**. The event will feature IBM's Mark Shearer and Vision's

Edward Vesely who together will present recent Power Systems technology and market developments, and findings from Vision's exclusive market report.

Topics covered during the 60-minute webcast:

- How the new Power Systems platform will benefit your organization
- IBM's New Power Equation, Dynamic Infrastructure and Smarter Planet initiatives
- The State of Resilience (HA and DR) on Power Systems – exclusive research

Participants registered for the Dec. 8 webcast will receive an advance copy of the second annual "State of Resilience" report. Register today at <http://www.visionsolutions.com/stateofresilience>

About Vision Solutions

Vision Solutions, Inc. is the world's leading provider of high availability, disaster recovery and systems/data management solutions for IBM® Power Systems. With a portfolio spanning industry's most innovative and trusted HA technologies from **ITERA™**, **MIMIX®** and **ORION Solutions™**, Vision keeps critical business information continuously protected and available. Affordable and easy-to-use, Vision products ensure business continuity, increase productivity, reduce operating costs and satisfy compliance requirements. Vision also offers advanced cluster management and systems management solutions along with support for IBM i, Windows, and AIX operating environments. As IBM's largest high availability Premier Business Partner (NYSE: **IBM**), Vision Solutions oversees a global network of partners and professionals to help customers achieve business goals. Vision Solutions publishes the **quarterly e-book Business Continuity Today** outlining current issues and best practices. Privately held by Thoma Bravo, Inc., Vision Solutions is headquartered in Irvine, California with offices worldwide. For more information, visit www.visionsolutions.com or call 800.957.4511.

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