



AFORE Secures Hybrid Clouds with vCloud Connector integration, VXLAN WAN Encryption and Secure Virtual Storage

Integrates vCloud with CloudLink™ Security Portfolio

Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA – October 4, 2011 – AFORE Solutions, Inc., a leading provider of cloud security and management solutions, today announced the availability of a comprehensive security platform for the hybrid public and private cloud.

AFORE's seamless integration of CloudLink™ with VMware vCloud Connector™ enables secure and monitored deployment of user applications from an enterprise to the public cloud. Specific features include point and click deployment, advanced SLA monitoring and Trust Watch™, a real time security feature which provides continuous cloud security monitoring.

As a further level of vCloud integration, CloudLink virtual appliances provide robust AES-256 encrypted secure storage within the cloud datacenter while ensuring enterprises maintain control of encryption keys. This allows enterprises to take advantage of the scalability and cost effectiveness of the hybrid cloud environment without exposing mission-critical and security-sensitive applications to third-party vulnerabilities.

"AFORE CloudLink provides important additional layers of security between clouds including those that make use of VMware vCloud Director and can replace or significantly augment VMware's solutions for such clouds," said Edward Haletky, CEO and Analyst for The Virtualization Practice.

The new capabilities announced today also include encrypted VXLAN wide area extension expanding the CloudLink portfolio to next generation hybrid cloud environment. The emerging VXLAN technology standard greatly expands the range of virtual networks available for multi-tenant cloud datacenters by encapsulating virtual machine data in a Layer 3 outer wrapper. This provides the basis for a new suite of networking capabilities offering greater scale and customer isolation in the cloud.

CloudLink's encrypted VXLAN extension ties the customer's virtual infrastructure to the cloud provider's infrastructure over secure wide area connections. Continuous SLA monitoring for latency, bandwidth, packet loss and throughput, with in-band diagnostics, provide superior management and monitoring capabilities to ease the challenge of managing the extension over the WAN.

"CloudLink provides a unique solution that combines scalability and ease of management with critical security, control and visibility," said Misha Nossik, Chief Technology Officer at AFORE. "Enterprises now have the ability to realize the full benefits of a secure hybrid cloud environment and we are excited to once again be leading the cloud security market by providing a secure, high-performance and scalable solution."

The CloudLink Trusted Multi-Tenancy solution securely extends customers' enterprise networks, while end-to-end encryption of network traffic and cloud-based storage protects sensitive data in a multi-tenant environment. CloudLink virtual appliances protect and monitor network traffic between the client and cloud center and provide secure NFS datastores for virtual machines while maintaining full enterprise control of their encryption keys and security policies.

Join AFORE at Interop 2011 New York at the Javits Center, booth 423A, October 5-6, to discuss CloudLink solutions and your cloud security and management requirements.

About AFORE:

AFORE is a leading provider of cloud security, networking, systems management and virtualization solutions. Our unique blend of CloudLink™ security products, ASE encryption appliance and InterPort™ networking software enable enterprises, service providers and networking vendors to accelerate innovation and deployment of advanced cloud services and networking applications. For more information on AFORE's award winning products and technology visit: www.aforesolutions.com.

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