



J4 Systems Achieves Microsoft Gold Competency in Systems Management

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J4 Systems, a Microsoft Managed Partner, announced today they have achieved a Gold Competency in Systems Management. The Microsoft Partner Network recently introduced a more rigorous certification process and competency structure that better reflects partners' core strengths. Gold Competencies demonstrate the highest level of commitment in a solution area and the most consistent capability in a proven skill set.

"Attaining a Gold Competency provides J4 Systems with a competitive advantage and helps us offer our customers the most relevant Microsoft solutions in market," Tiffany Sequeira stated, chief operations officer, J4 Systems. System Center technologies address top IT priorities by creating operational efficiencies, IT-labor cost savings and support for consolidating multiple physical servers within a virtual infrastructure to reduce hardware costs. "The Microsoft Systems Management Gold Competency enables us to deliver data center and desktop solutions that help our customers maximize their IT investments," said John Joseph, president, J4 Systems. J4 Systems also holds Silver Competencies in Virtualization, Unified Communications and Mobility in the Microsoft Partner Network.

J4 Systems has been a Microsoft Managed Partner for over seven years, a status that is awarded by Microsoft to a select number of key partners. Managed partners are required to meet a stringent set of requirements, including extensive training and certification (both technical and sales) across a broad range of Microsoft competencies; in addition, Microsoft Managed Partners must track a record of successful deployments of Microsoft solutions to enterprise clients. Currently there are only eight managed partners in the NorCal West Region; J4 Systems is one of the first in the region to earn the Gold Systems Management Competency.

Most competencies are aligned to the Microsoft Infrastructure Optimization (IO) initiative, which was developed to support organizations in their quest to improve operational efficiency and better support business activities. As customers progress through the maturity levels of an IO model, they will better align IT with their organization's business agenda. IT departments that successfully navigate the IO path eventually transition from being viewed as a cost center to a strategic business asset.

About J4 Systems

For over 17 years, J4 Systems has been a leading network integrator specializing in providing business technology consulting to deliver a broad range of comprehensive IT services and support. Based in Rocklin, California, J4 Systems provides services to the greater Northern California region, including the Central Valley and Bay Area. For more information, please visit www.j4systems.com. Media inquiries contact Danielle Hefner, marketing specialist, J4 Systems, dhefner@j4systems.com, 916.303.7219