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SDN Zone Week in Review



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It was a busy week in the software-defined network (SDN) sector. Here are some of the major stories.

ADARA Sirius SDN Network Virtualization and Virtual Routing solution now offers what the company calls "impenetrable security." That is believed to be a first for the industry. This method does not communicate any encryption/decryption information, which lessens the chance that data will be copied, intercepted or otherwise compromised, according to ADARA. The solution – available as a standalone product or as part of the ADARA Constellation Series – supports dynamic layer 2 and 3 tunneling (pseudo-wire or layer 2 stretching); offers virtualized physical layer functionality and a hypervisor; and includes a new DLSP that is a thousand times faster than the one which was previously available.

Also, **Overture's** director of marketing, Mark Durrett, will be among the featured speakers at Monday's SDN Precon at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. Durrett will present during the 1:45 p.m. session titled "NFV & SDN." In this session, moderated by Frost & Sullivan analyst Ronald Gruia, panelists will first offer presentations and then will engage in an interactive discussion about the difference between NFV and SDN, and what it means to enterprises, vendors and service providers. Other panelists are Travis Russell, technologist-strategic marketing at Tekelec; Lori MacVittie, senior technical marketing manager at F5 Networks; Prasad Vellanki, CEO, OneConvergence; and Charlie Ashton, vice president of marketing and business development, 6WIND.

In another story, **Metaswitch Networks** is the first integration partner named as part of CloudNFV. Metaswitch will provide support for Project Clearwater. Project Clearwater is Metaswitch's open source, virtualized network function effort targeting service provider networks.

In addition, Oklahoma-based service provider **Dobson Technologies** has selected Cyan to provide it with the Z-Series packet-optical transport platforms and Blue Planet software-defined networking system. The operator, which sells business and residential telecom and transport services as well as cloud data center services, will use the P-OTP's gear across its 40-some major markets.

In still another article, iQ Solutions Group has been named a **Juniper Networks'** Elite Business Partner. This is the highest partner designation that Juniper provides, and it's now only been awarded to four partners in Ohio.

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In this SDN pre conference at ITEXPO Miami, we will define SDN, look at the technologies and components involved in SDN, the use cases of SDN, the players involved in moving SDN forward, and what this all means for networking as we know it.

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