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Zones Extends Focus on Mobility and K-12 Education, Delivers Edu-ready Tools to Classrooms

With Authorization from Google, Zones Now Offers Android Management Tools and Google Play for Education Devices, Driving Innovation into the Classroom

AUBURN, Wash., July 31, 2014 — Zones, Inc., today announced that it has extended its mobility offerings for the K-12 education sector. Effective immediately, Zones is authorized by Google to offer Google Android management software to easily manage devices and provide access to a wide array of Google Play for Education apps, videos and resources. Educators leverage the Android Management Console to quickly and easily manage the devices used as learning tools in their classrooms.

This announcement marks an important milestone, as Zones is one of a small number of partners authorized to offer both Google's Android and Chrome management tools, along with tablet and notebook devices from the industry's top manufacturers.

"This authorization complements the <u>Google Chrome authorization we obtained in 2013</u> and underscores Zones' commitment to delivering industry leading products and services to our customers in the education vertical," said Jim Grass, vice president of public sector sales at Zones. "Android devices running apps from Google Play are a powerful and cost-effective way for educators to customize a digital learning curriculum for their students who can then learn individually or collaboratively with their peers."

Samsung recently announced the availability of its Galaxy Tab 4 Education, its first tablet designed specifically for K-12 schools and enabling access to the Android Management Console and Google Play for Education.

"Zones has been an outstanding partner by positioning our Samsung Chromebook solution in the education market and we are excited that they are now certified to offer the Galaxy Tab 4 Education with the Android management console," said Richard Hutton, director of channel marketing at Samsung's Enterprise Business Division. "Zones is now able to offer a robust and comprehensive classroom technology solution with the Galaxy Tab 4 Education which addresses the specific needs of K-12 school districts."

Devices with Google Play for Education help teachers bring technology and a love of learning to their classrooms. With these edu-ready devices, students can access a wide array of education apps, books and videos. Teachers have the power to customize the tools available to each student, customizing learning to each student's unique needs.

With Google's Android Management Console, devices used in the classroom are quickly and easily managed en masse. Devices can be centrally configured, managed and secured, saving time and management costs, allowing IT teams and teachers to drive additional educational tools into the learning environment.

Zones' Integration and Logistics Center near Chicago offers customers unique "white glove" service, which can include updating and installing the latest operating system, enrolling devices on to the domain, and laser etching a school logo on the device. This high level of service provides customers with a seamless and cost-effective option to configure and prepare Google Play for Education devices for deployment. Through Zones' Integration and Logistics Center, hundreds of devices can be configured concurrently, allowing for faster deployment directly to schools.

About Zones

Zones, Inc., supports business, healthcare, the public sector and specialty markets by applying innovative technology solutions across a variety of specializations including networking, security, software, storage, mobility, data center and virtualization. Zones holds the highest levels of technical certification from every key solution provider we represent, including Cisco Gold, EMC Velocity Premier, Dell Server and Storage Technical, IBM System and Storage Technical, HP Enterprise Networking and VMware Infrastructure, among others. Zones is a seven-time recipient of the Microsoft Operational Excellence award and was also recognized as the 2013 Microsoft Partner of the Year for Volume Licensing. Incorporated in 1988, Zones is headquartered in Auburn, Wash. and is a certified MBE company.

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