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Zones, Inc. Named One of 2016 Tech Elite Solution Providers by CRN

Tech Elite 250 list recognizes IT solution providers with deep technical expertise and premier certifications

AUBURN, Wash., March 29, 2016 — Zones, Inc., announced today that CRN®, a brand of The Channel Company, has named Zones to its 2016 Tech Elite 250 list. This annual list honors an exclusive group of North American IT solution providers that have earned the highest number of advanced technical certifications from leading technology vendors.

Zones' <u>Advanced Solutions Group</u> is staffed by a team of experts who hold certifications on a broad range of technical topics. Working with Zones, customers can be assured that they're partnering with skilled team members possessing in-depth technology expertise.

"We continue to invest in our team's technical training in all key solution areas to support our customers and the technology partners we represent," said Asif Hudani, senior vice president of the Advanced Solutions Group at Zones. "Our placement on the Tech Elite 250 list solidifies our commitment to providing the expertise and technical knowledge our customers require."

"The solution providers selected for our annual Tech Elite 250 list have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and gained strong industry credibility by earning some of the most difficult IT certifications available from top technology vendors," said Robert Faletra, CEO, The Channel Company. "Attainment of these exclusive certifications strengthens the channel as a whole by invigorating partnerships and enabling the delivery of exceptional customer service. We congratulate each of these organizations and look forward to their continued success."

Coverage of the Tech Elite 250 will be featured in the April issue of CRN, and online at www.crn.com.

About the Channel Company

The Channel Company enables breakthrough IT channel performance with our dominant media, engaging events, expert consulting and education, and innovative marketing services and platforms. As the channel catalyst, we connect and empower technology suppliers, solution providers and end users. Backed by more than 30 years of unequaled channel experience, we draw from our deep knowledge to envision innovative new solutions for ever-evolving challenges in the technology marketplace. www.thechannelco.com.

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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, Dell Server and Storage Technical, IBM System and Storage Technical, Hewlett Packard Enterprise and VMware Infrastructure, among others. Zones is a nine-time recipient of the Microsoft Excellence in Operations award. Incorporated in 1988, Zones is headquartered in Auburn, Wash., and is a certified MBE company.

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