Zones Named CRN® Triple Crown Award Winner

Fifth Annual Award Program Recognizes Standout Solution Providers

Auburn, WA, October 8, 2018 – <u>Zones, LLC.</u>, Your First Choice for IT[™], today announced that <u>CRN</u>[®], a brand of <u>The Channel Company</u>, has recognized Zones for earning its 2018 <u>Triple Crown Award</u>. This year Zones was one of 46 solution providers in North America that reached the qualifying revenue, growth, and technical expertise to be named on three of CRN's prestigious solution provider lists and receive the Triple Crown Award.

Each year, *CRN* announces lists and rankings to distinguish solution providers who are outshining their peers in the IT channel. It is a great accomplishment for a solution provider to make any one of these lists, so being named in three, as this year's Triple Crown winners have been, deserves special acknowledgement. This year's CRN Triple Crown Award winners rank among the largest IT solution providers by revenue in North America on the <u>Solution Provider 500</u> list, are among the fastest growing organizations in the channel today on the <u>Fast Growth 150</u> list, and have made the <u>Tech Elite 250</u> list by receiving the highest level of certifications from leading vendors.

Zones is a premier provider of IT solutions and services with national coverage; global reach; and top-tier relationships with technology manufacturers such as Microsoft, HP Inc., Adobe, APC, Apple, Cisco, Dell EMC, VMware, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Intel, Lenovo, and Oracle. With value-added offerings across four distinct Solution Environments—Workplace Modernization, Network Optimization, Data Center Transformation, and Security Fortification—Zones can address the immediate business challenges of today to become Your First Choice for IT.™

"It is a privilege to be honored as a 2018 Triple Crown winner," said Firoz Lalji, President, Chairman, and CEO of Zones, LLC. "This award showcases our respected position in the market, recognizes Zones as a top solution provider, and identifies us as one of the top growth companies in the channel. We continue to experience growth ahead of market and have built solutions and services that scale across corporate customer segments, as well as healthcare and public sector verticals. It is our dedication to delivering five-star service to our customers that will bring us higher in 2019."

"Each Triple Crown Award winner has simultaneously generated high enough revenue to be ranked on the Solution Provider 500 list, achieved double- or triple-digit revenue growth for recognition on the Fast Growth 150 list, and devoted significant time and effort to top certifications to attain Tech Elite 250 status," said Bob Skelley, CEO of The Channel Company. "Congratulations to each one of these high-achieving companies who continue to raise the bar for success in the IT Channel."

The 2018 Triple Crown Award winners will be featured in the October issue of CRN and can be viewed online at www.crn.com/triplecrown.

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About Zones, LLC.

Zones, LLC., a \$2 billion global IT solution provider, delivers products and services to help companies make a complete digital transformation – from desktop to data center – to the cloud and beyond. Our expertise is reflected in our Solution Environments: Workplace Modernization, Network Optimization, Data Center Transformation, and Security Fortification. We leverage a deep portfolio from top-tier technology brands to enable scalability, security, and efficient IT deployments, utilizing the highest levels of technical certification from key partners, including Cisco Gold, Dell EMC Titanium, HPE Platinum, and others. Zones nfrastructure, the Services Company of Zones™, provides comprehensive service delivery of innovative technology solutions and advanced lifecycle management capabilities. Zones was named to the 2018 CRN Managed Services Provider 500 list as a member of the Elite 150 and is an eleven-time recipient of the Microsoft Excellence in Operations award. Headquartered in Auburn, WA, Zones operates in more than 80 countries, with multiple regional and executive offices, several distribution facilities, IT partners, and a number of service affiliates around the world. As a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and holder of an elite Corporate Plus Certification, we've proven our ability to support many of the world's largest corporations. For additional information, visit the company's website at www.zones.com or call (800) 408-9663. Follow Zones on Twitter @Zones and on LinkedIn at Zones, LLC.

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