Networking For Future Completes $5.6M Contract to Make University of the District of Columbia's Digitization Blueprint a Reality

WASHINGTON, February 21, 2020 – Networking For Future, Inc., a District of Columbia Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) and Cisco Gold Partner, today announced that the build out of the foundational infrastructure for the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) transformational and data-driven Digitization Blueprint was completed. The $5.6 million contract was supported by funding through Mayor Muriel Bowser's investing in education program, "DC Values in Action". DC Values in Action represents the largest investment ever in public education in Washington, DC.

The Digitization Blueprint serves as a strategic framework for transforming and integrating the UDC campuses by focusing on improving application performance, enabling a superior student experience, and increasing student, faculty, and staff productivity. The goal is to make the UDC vison of being student-centered and demand driven a reality.

With a value of $5.6 million, the UDC contract covered general information technology (IT) support, telecommunications, cybersecurity, systems architecture, and engineering services. NFF completed the foundational work on UDC's plan to migrate to a modern, multi-cloud IT services model that incorporates emerging technology products and services. The NFF approach targeted improving IT flexibility and optimizing the network infrastructure, while strengthening the overall security of the UDC IT environment.

Some of the performance and productivity benefits NFF delivered are:
- Teaching and learning web conferencing and videoconferencing access for students, faculty, and staff both on-campus and online
- Advanced cybersecurity solutions to protect online users and safeguard personal information, university resources, and intellectual property
- Video cameras connecting to the UDC operations center for continuous monitoring of the entire campus – to protect the physical safety of students, faculty, and staff
- A digital platform that enables rapid innovation and reduces IT staff overhead by providing performance data, configuration management, and advanced troubleshooting capabilities
- WAN/LAN redesign and core network infrastructure upgrade for increased bandwidth, while reducing the monthly recurring cost

"We are proud to have helped UDC reshape and optimize technologies that transform their IT business solutions," said Majid Saadat, president of NFF. "We used our market-leading expertise to help UDC strengthen its IT security environment and achieve greater flexibility through a multi-cloud network to ensure their Digitization Blueprint vision becomes a certainty."

About Networking For Future, Inc.

Networking For Future, Inc. is a Washington, DC based company offering a performance-focused approach to delivering transformational IT business solutions. We take pride in keeping

users productive and engaged by providing business and IT teams with the solutions they need to improve their performance in a dynamic, connected world.

Since 1996, NFF has delivered architecture, design implementation, professional support services, and hardware and software sales pertaining to Network Infrastructure, Data Center and Cloud, Network and Endpoint Security, Application Assurance, Collaboration and Mobility, and Staff Augmentation.

In addition, NFF, an ISO 9001:2015 certified company, is a Cisco Gold Partner, Riverbed Premier Partner, Splunk Partner, NetApp Gold Partner, VMware Enterprise Partner, Microsoft Certified Silver Partner, Gigamon Partner, F5 Networks Partner, and Coresite Partner. NFF also holds a GSA Contract (GS-35F-0197L) and other government contract vehicles.

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About University of the District of Columbia

University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is the only public university in the nation's capital and the only urban land-grant university in the United States. UDC is committed to a broad mission of education, research and community service. Established by abolitionist Myrtilla Miner in 1851, UDC offers Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees and a host of workplace development services designed to create opportunities for student success. UDC is comprised of a Community College, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, School of Business and Public Administration, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences, and the David A. Clarke School of Law.

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