

The Products Behind This Month's Features

Cisco Network Building Mediator: Make the Smart Grid Smarter

Cisco Network Building Mediator aggregates information from all of your agency's building systems, including lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, temperature sensors, and power distribution units, from multiple vendors. Facilities personnel can control systems in any building using a web-based interface. Cisco Network Building Mediator can also make the smart grid smarter. It connects to the utility so it can receive alerts when the utility is offering incentives to shed load. Upon receiving a signal, it automatically invokes policies to reduce lighting, change temperature settings, and otherwise reduce energy consumption.

To watch a video, visit: www.cisco.com/go/mediator

Cisco EnergyWise: Measure, Report, and Reduce Energy Usage

A built-in feature on Cisco Catalyst Switches and Cisco Integrated Service Routers, Cisco EnergyWise lets you control which devices in the building are turned on and how much power they receive. You use an intuitive interface to view real-time energy consumption, set policies, and generate reports. An example of a simple policy is powering down devices after hours. A more complex policy is noting when an employee swipes a building access card after hours, turning on the lighting, phones, climate controls, and equipment that the employee needs to work, and then turning them off when the employee exits the building. Cisco EnergyWise works with Power over Ethernet (PoE) devices such as IP phones and wireless access points.

To watch a video and demonstration of Cisco EnergyWise, visit: www.cisco.com/go/energywise

Cisco TelePresence: Collaborate Within and Between Agencies

The top end of business video solutions, Cisco TelePresence enables federal government employees to collaborate "face to face" with people in other locations without the delays and environmental impact of travel. Life-size, very-high-quality video and audio reveal subtle facial expressions, gestures, and voice inflection to create an in-person experience. People who can't get to a Cisco TelePresence room can join the session using desktop videophones or Cisco Unified Videoconferencing, although they won't enjoy the full experience. Agencies can choose the Cisco TelePresence solution that fits the need: Cisco TelePresence System 500 for use in a private office or for citizen interactions; System 1000 for agency team meetings with up to six people in a room; and System 3200 for large team meetings or training, with up to 18 people in a room.

To watch a video about Cisco TelePresence, visit: www.cisco.com/go/telepresence

Cisco Unified Computing System: Improve Telework by Hosting Applications and Desktops in the Cloud

The Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) is a single, cohesive system combining the capabilities agencies need to host agency applications and virtual desktops: compute, network, storage, access, and virtualization. The Cisco UCS provides special advantages for telework because it includes built-in support for VMware virtualization software. And agency IT departments can manage up to 40 chassis (320 server blades) and thousands of virtual machines with no more time than they would need to manage just one.

To read more, visit: www.cisco.com/go/unifiedcomputing




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