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Davenport Group Network Engineer Rick Rutherford
Earns Prestigious CCNP Certification

St. Paul, MN, June 12, 2018 – Davenport Group announced today that Rick Rutherford, Network Engineer, has earned the Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP) certification. This certification is difficult to complete, requiring months of study and field work. With this training, Davenport Group will continue to extend their ability to integrate Dell EMC solutions into complex, diverse environments.

To attain a CCNP certification, Mr. Rutherford acquired the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification and completed an additional 18 months of intense research, tests, and fieldwork. His effort means that Davenport Group has expanded their portfolio of high level certifications in both Dell Networking and Cisco Networking.

"Davenport Group makes significant and strategic investments of time and energy in obtaining the right advanced certifications in the Dell EMC technologies we architect, install, and support. We know that keeping our deep product knowledge current is critical in finding the best solutions for our customers, so we're always working on our technical capabilities," said Alex Bauer, Davenport Group Vice President of Engineering and Operations. "Mr. Rutherford's certification represents our long-term commitment to investing in our engineers, the people on the front lines who turn technical concepts into business outcomes."

Davenport Group is a Dell EMC Titanium Partner, designing and installing Dell EMC and VMware solutions exclusively. Davenport Group's all-in relationship with Dell EMC means they have a deep knowledge of Dell EMC solutions, including Dell EMC IDPA (Integrated Data Protection Appliance). Davenport Group's in-depth understanding of how Dell EMC solutions work with other technologies has prepared them for upcoming Dell EMC Ready Stack implementations. By adding more certifications, like the CCNP, Davenport Group will be able to ensure that the best-of-breed Dell EMC solutions deliver in complex ecosystems.

"I've dedicated my career to solving hard and important problems in technology environments of all sizes. I appreciate Davenport Group's commitment to staying current with technical certifications in our ever-evolving IT landscape," said Rick Rutherford, Davenport Group Network Engineer. "I can combine this newest certification with my real-world experience to make sure that the Dell EMC products Davenport Group implements will not only work, but thrive for our customers."

Certified engineers in both Dell Networking and Cisco Networking are hard to find. With this certification, Davenport Group can ensure their customers that Dell Networking will work well in a

Cisco environment, a complex task that few engineers can do. Davenport Group believes that Mr. Rutherford's certification will be critical as the wave of IT Transformation continues. Networking is an important piece of the software defined data center market, a market that continues to expand. This market is expected to grow from $36.517 billion in 2017 to $90.416 billion in 2022, which is a compound annual growth rate of 19.88% (Source: Research and Markets Study). This growth rate clearly shows that more and more customers are seeking IT Transformation in their businesses. Davenport Group is well positioned as a forward-facing partner able to navigate complex IT ecosystems now and into the future.

About Davenport Group
Davenport Group designs and implements IT solutions that help organizations proactively manage their data — today and into the future. Specializing in enterprise data storage and virtual infrastructure, Davenport Group is an end-to-end solutions provider serving mid-market customers nationwide. Visit www.davenportgroup.com to learn more.

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