



PPS Modernizes Network with Citrix

Company transitions to SD-WAN and cloud to deliver improved performance, security, and user experience across branches



FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – October 15, 2019 – The cloud is the place to be. Leading enterprises know it and are moving workloads there as users demand more SaaS applications and fast, secure and reliable access to them anywhere, anytime from any device. Take [PPS](#), a leading South African financial and healthcare services company. With the help of [Citrix Systems, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:CTXS), the company is building a modern, cloud-based network on which it can deliver a world-class user experience with greater speed, security and consistency.

“In our business, we pride ourselves on providing great services for our members, and our network needs to keep pace with our growing needs,” said Derik Scheepers, Head of IT Operations, PPS.

Goodbye Legacy

But it’s aging, multi-tenanted, MPLS-based network simply couldn’t. “We didn’t have any real visibility or control into the network, and it just wasn’t flexible enough,” Scheepers said. “A new branch could take 90 to 120 days to get online.”

In the fast-paced world in which PPS operates, this wasn’t going to cut it. The company’s 1,600 employees in 25 branches work hard to provide a highly responsive, confidential, and personal service to the more than 350,000 members that PPS serves. And they can’t afford to be slowed down by technology.

Hello Innovation

So PPS decided to put its head in the cloud and implement [Citrix® SD-WAN](#), a solution that would provide the flexibility, stability, and security it required to create an IT platform that could support its rapid growth and innovation and empower its teams to perform at their best.

With Citrix SD-WAN, enterprises can:

- Deliver an exceptional, consistent experience when accessing SaaS apps, cloud workloads, virtual apps and desktops or traditional data center resources.
- Secure users, data and networks through built-in ICSA-certified and next-generation firewalls or cloud-based Secure Web Gateway offerings.
- Monitor and manage network performance from an easy to use, cloud-based orchestration platform.
- Seamlessly connect to and manage cloud services, including Google Cloud Platform, Azure, AWS, and more.

Delivering Results

“We’ve seen immediate benefits from using the Citrix solution,” Scheepers says. “We’ve cut costs, reduced business risk, and our people have a much more stable platform to do what they do best — looking after our members.”

And the solution was easy to put in place. SD-WAN specialist Intelys Telecom is delivering Citrix SD-WAN as a fully-managed service, so PPS doesn’t have to invest in additional resources or worry about managing the network transition. As a result, PPS expects to achieve a full return on its investment in less than 12 months.

Preparing for the Future

“As we continue our transition into the cloud, moving to Citrix SD-WAN is an important piece of the jigsaw that will help secure a prosperous future for PPS and its members,” Scheepers said.

To learn more about Citrix SD-WAN and the value it can deliver for your organization, click [here](#).

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