

Top Technology Practice—Cloud
 recognized as the Top Cloud Practice
 in CRN's 2011 VAR500 list

**Ranked #2 on CRN's 2011
 Fast Growth 100**
 for impressive growth from 2008-10

**Best Cloud Computing
 Collaboration Partner of 2010**
 for driving innovation, virtualization,
 and private cloud enablement

**2010 Backup and Recovery
 Partner of the Year Award**
 for providing superior architecture,
 design, and implementation of
 advanced solutions

AHEAD QUICK FACTS

- Professional services organization, delivering:
 - Assessments
 - Integrated design reference architectures
 - Implementation of complete solutions
- One of CRN Tech Elite 250 
- Ranked #142 in the 2011 VAR500 
- One of the fastest growing national partners of EMC, VMware, and Cisco
- Professionally certified on EMC, VMware, and Cisco

AHEAD PARTNER STATUS

- EMC
 - SIGNATURE Partner
 - ASN Partner
 - Preferred Partner Provider
 - Member of EMC BURA and Virtualization MDP program
- VMware
 - Premier Partner
 - Specialist in desktop, infrastructure, and DR/BC virtualization
- Cisco
 - Premier Partner
 - DCNI, DCSN, and UCS ATP focus partner



AHEAD, EMC, VMware, and Cisco— Partners in Success in the Data Center Revolution

AHEAD IS A LEADING PROVIDER OF NEXT-GENERATION DATA CENTER SOLUTIONS— with specific expertise in virtualization and cloud-computing architectures. One of the fastest growing solution providers in the U.S., Ahead is financially sound, with exploding revenue growth year over year. With offices in the Midwest and Southern California today, expansion plans are under way across the country.

The announcement of the Virtual Computing Environment (VCE) Coalition launched Ahead as a thought leader and visionary in defining and transforming the modern data center. Ahead's differentiation is found in our vision, methodology, and people.

Our simple, scalable, and repeatable methodology is framed in a four-step process.



This visionary technical focus and solid methodology is backed by a team able to deliver results. Ahead is comprised of industry leaders with in-depth understanding gained from years of working deep in the manufacturers and through hands-on experience in the most advanced end-user environments.

Our best-in-class sales and technical team is matched with a proven management support structure aligned with a mission: to help clients meet their strategic goals and navigate the data center revolution by architecting, procuring, and deploying next-generation public and private cloud computing solutions.

The data center revolution is about more than acquiring new technology: it involves changing business processes and dealing with the human capital element. Ahead was built to do just that. Our combination of the revolutionary technologies of our partners, reference architectures, and consultative services is designed to provide an agile service architecture that helps our clients achieve the maximum benefit during every step of the journey to cloud computing.