

The Organization

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The Challenge

The existing firewall had been discontinued and a traditional firewall deployment was not sufficient to address today's emerging threats. The Company now had to ensure its network remained free of viruses, Trojans, and worms, while also deriving the most efficient bandwidth usage.

The SonicWALL Solution

Golden West Technologies introduced Pioneer Bank and Trust to the SonicWALL Internet Security Appliance. This, combined with the i-witness solution, creates an integrated security and productivity solution, ensuring a total security package.

The Results

Worry-free protection for secure data transfers and on-demand reporting capabilities that allows the company to prove compliance with new banking regulations.



The Managed Security Services Partner: Golden West Technologies

Network security is a complex subject, historically undertaken only by "experts." However, as fast moving threats circulate around the Internet, all businesses must be able to prevent attacks. Small to medium sized businesses face an especially difficult task in securing their networks due to the complexity and cost of most security solutions. Golden West Technologies can change all that through a program known as i-witness. With four levels of service, i-witness can be tailored to each customer's unique set of requirements and is easily integrated into the SonicWALL® product line.

Golden West Technologies is an award-winning SonicWALL MSSP Partner and is a recognized leader in security consulting, firewall deployments, and monitoring. The state of South Dakota utilizes the expertise of Golden West Technologies as its single source vendor for firewall installation and monitoring services. Golden West Technologies recognizes the balance of securing your network with cost-effective support.

The Customer: Pioneer Bank and Trust

Golden West Technologies provides network security services to Pioneer Bank and Trust, a small chain of banks in South Dakota. Offering banking, mortgage, investment, and trust services, Pioneer's need for secure data transfers is paramount.

Pioneer Bank and Trust had an existing firewall that had reached end-of-life and began to evaluate new vendors. In order to secure the network from the latest threats and ensure that the network bandwidth was used productively, Pioneer opted for the SonicWALL PRO 4060 and VPN solutions in combination with Intrusion Prevention Service and Content Filtering Service. When combined with the SonicWALL Global Management System (GMS), Pioneer is now constantly aware of any potential threats and can take measures to prevent a network breach and maintain their customer's confidence. Rather than reactively waiting for something that could go wrong, Golden West can now proactively intervene before incidents can even occur.

While customer data security was paramount, equally important was the need to keep out viruses, Trojans, and worms. The threats now circulating the Internet can quickly cripple a business, resulting in revenue, productivity, and data loss. Pioneer Bank and Trust wanted to ensure that it remained productive and successful, while protecting customers' privacy and security.

Pioneer Bank and Trust Customer Case Study

The SonicWALL Layered Security Platform

The SonicWALL family of Internet security appliances provides the first line of defense against Internet security threats. It includes an ICSA-certified, deep packet inspection firewall, IPSec VPN for remote access, IP address management features, and support for SonicWALL value-added security services such as gateway anti-virus, intrusion prevention and content filtering.

"SonicWALL products provide Golden West Technologies with the best value, features and service for the money," says James Van Loan, Golden West Technologies' Account Executive.

Golden West Technologies offers a comprehensive security solution based on SonicWALL Internet Security Appliances and managed by the SonicWALL Global Management System. Via a comprehensive set of reports, GMS provides constant feedback on the readiness of the firewall and automatically backs up the configuration while at the same time, enabling remote management of all the firewalls from a central location.

The SonicWALL Gateway Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware, and Intrusion Prevention Service utilizes a configurable, high-performance deep packet inspection engine to deliver maximum network protection, allowing the customer to relax, knowing that their network is receiving the ultimate in protection.

Future Expansion with SonicWALL

Because both SonicWALL and Golden West solutions are easily scalable, expansion will be seamless. SonicWALL products easily scale to fit businesses of every size and shape, allowing businesses to expand quickly and easily without additional expensive upgrades.

"The SonicWALL Internet Security Appliance, combined with i-witness has provided Pioneer Bank and Trust with a simple, yet comprehensive solution, ensuring that we are protecting our customers' data while being productive as a company."

– Casey Dahl, Information Systems Officer, Pioneer Bank and Trust

SonicWALL Benefits

ICSA-certified for reliable protection, SonicWALL's deep packet inspection firewalls deliver superior performance.

SonicWALL's IPSec-compliant VPN-enabled firewalls deliver fast, secure remote access to network resources.

SonicWALL appliances offer 3DES/AES encryption for secure data transmissions over a VPN tunnel.

SonicWALL GMS provides central management and monitoring and includes ViewPoint® graphical reporting to turn log files into meaningful reports.

Improved availability with the SonicWALL TZ 170 SP firewall/VPN appliances designed with integrated and automated failover and failback capabilities to support both broadband and dial-up connectivity.

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