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REQUIREMENT: NEW IT INFRASTRUCTURE

Antonov Airlines' UK office approached GCI to provide a new IT server infrastructure that would meet its needs as it separated from a joint venture.



THE CLIENT

Antonov Airlines' UK office supports the airline division of Ukrainian aviation giant Antonov Company, a 13,500 person-strong Enterprise with over 70 years' experience and who operate worldwide. Having previously partnered with another airline, it now operates independently as a separate entity in the UK and is based in new offices in Stansted Airport's Diamond Hangar.

Following the new venture, the UK office required a cost-effective IT server infrastructure that could scale with their sustained growth. The company approached GCI to provide a solution that would accommodate its needs.



TECHNICAL SOLUTION

GCI recommended a virtual infrastructure in order to provide a flexible environment that could scale easily as the company continues to grow. A VMWare hypervisor was installed on a physical HP ProLiant server stored on-site at Antonov's UK office, with GCI setting up the Microsoft Office 365 licensing. As a member of Microsoft's Cloud Service Provider program, GCI were able to offer Antonov Airlines preferential pricing, as well as fully manage the company's subscriptions – all under GCI's 99.9% Uptime Service Level Agreement. With the software being Cloud-based, Antonov Airlines would also have automatic access to all new updates and patches from Microsoft, as well as having complete flexibility to scale plans up and down as needed to adapt to the business' needs.

The virtual environment also included a robust FortiGate firewall and remote backup via GCI's own Backup and Disaster Recovery offering, SecureVault. Powered by industry experts EVault, SecureVault provides secure and affordable backup to GCI's Private Cloud Platform, which is ISO 9001 and ISO 27001 accredited and built with the latest technologies from industry leaders including Microsoft, EMC and Cisco.

Antonov also decided to leverage GCI's Flexible Support Plus Managed Services package, which offers access to 24/7 support, monitoring, reporting and security monitoring, but is only billed for the hours used; ideal for a business which needs flexibility as it continues to expand but still requires a guaranteed 24/7 service level.

SUCCESS AND COMPANY BENEFITS

Antonov Airlines' UK office now has its own secure virtual server infrastructure, which allows it to easily scale up or down to meet the demands of the growing business.

Nathan Wright, IT Manager at Antonov Airlines' UK office, said: *"Separating from our previous partner could have proven very difficult from an IT perspective, but GCI provided a solution which can adapt quickly depending on our requirements. It is also useful that our Managed Service is only billed in line with the time consumed, as it offers us cost-effective access to all the technology and expertise provided by GCI."*

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