

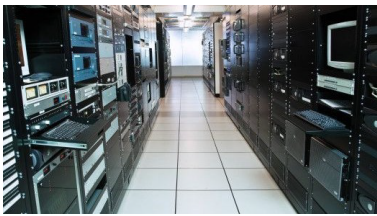
Datacenter Relocation Services

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Moving a datacenter can be one of the most challenging projects for an IT department to undertake. The sheer complexity of how to structure the move, while taking into consideration the business uptime requirements, the interdependency within applications, transporting the gear, etc. can make it a daunting task. Moreover, the IT department staff is often times already overtaxed with projects, and unable to take on the complex and time intensive process of executing a datacenter move.



Platform Solutions, however, has an infrastructure team that contains members in all areas of expertise necessary to facilitate a successful relocation project. From Rack and Electrical Load Design to Structured Cabling personnel, to movers knowledgeable in handling fragile computer equipment, to network and systems engineers that can assist your staff in bringing routers, SANs, and servers back on line correctly, Platform Solutions is with you every step of the way, assuring an easier and more transparent migration.

Proven Methodology

While each project is unique, a typical relocation process consists of several key steps and methodologies. While we all know that good documentation and backups are always key, IT Administrators are often too busy to maintain exact and up to date environment data. Moreover, while current backups are always important, their value becomes exponentially greater when the equipment backed up is being moved. With that in mind, Platform Solutions always begins any move project with a detailed analysis and documentation of the environment being moved, as well as a backup audit.

Once all equipment is documented and properly identified, the Platform Engineer and dedicated Project Manager will work with the customer to properly coordinate the times and sequence of the move. During this stage all systems are rated based on criticality and interdependency, and move priority is worked out. A detailed project plan is provided, with precise list of milestones, tasks, and owners. This not only helps in the move, but is extremely helpful in creating internal Change Control documentation. The last pre-migration check is conducted at the target location, assuring that all power, network, and rack space is properly provisioned and corresponds to existing elevation documents.

With proper planning, the move itself tends to be a smooth and fluid process. While Platform recommends that most customers move their equipment in three stages: non-critical, critical stand alone and critical compound (clusters, etc.) this methodology can be adjusted to fit a variety of needs. That said, we strongly urge the customer to limit the change window to no more than 12 hours per move. Longer time frames tend to become ineffective as the level of fatigue increases.

Once all systems are delivered on site, re-racked, wired and re-ip'd, Platform Solutions will remain on site to assist with any issues discovered in the final testing stage. Naturally, we will dispose of all refuse, discarded equipment, and leave the new datacenter in a showcase condition.

About Platform Solutions

Platform Solutions has delivered enterprise-level IT solutions to a wide variety of organizations since 2000. We specialize in advanced networking, unified communications, security, storage, virtualization, and application infrastructure solutions. As a value-added technology reseller, we partner with only best-of-breed industry leaders that meet the business needs of our clients. We use our expertise to deliver streamlined solutions customized to the unique needs of your business. In partnership with industry leaders such as Cisco, Microsoft, IBM, McAfee and more, we ensure you receive the technology solutions you require, delivered with the highest level of service.

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