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Affirmed Networks Opens NFV Center of Excellence in UAE to Support Growing Number of Middle Eastern Operators Moving to Virtualized Networks

Site Offers Regional Support and Best Practices for Accelerating NFV Deployments

Dubai - Feb 13, 2018: [Affirmed Networks](http://www.tcfnewswire.net/en/company/affirmed-networks-inc), the leader in virtualized mobile networks, today announced the opening of its new network function virtualization (NFV) Center of Excellence in Dubai to support the growing demand for NFV networks among operators in the Middle East. The Center will allow Affirmed to share its deep domain expertise ensuring successful deployments of virtualized networks in the region.

NFV has become one of the most important technologies shaping the future of public networks. Operators continue to embrace NFV globally as they transform their networks to create the flexibility necessary to deliver innovative revenue generating services. Affirmed Networks has a proven track record of bringing this innovation to the Middle East by partnering with top operators in the region.

The new Dubai Center will serve as a valuable resource for both existing and prospective customers in the region. Beyond today's NFV deployments, network transformation will be critical for successful 5G evolution. According to the GSMA, "markets in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), will be among the first countries globally to launch commercial 5G networks."

Affirmed Networks's Dubai NFV Center of Excellence is led by executive Abir Hnidi, Affirmed Networks Vice President, Middle East Region, and is designed to ensure the success of customer trials and deployments of NFV. The Center of Excellence provides operators with proof-of-concepts, best practices and pre-integration testing for the deployment of 4G and 5G virtualized applications, including virtualized packet core, network optimization, M2M/NB-IoT and ePDG.

"Mobile operators in the Middle East are aggressively making the move to NFV," said Abir Hnidi. "The establishment of a dedicated Center of Excellence provides us the opportunity to closely partner with Communications Service Providers to help them understand the key considerations and approaches to successful NFV deployments."

Affirmed Networks has more than 65 customers across five continents, including some of the world's largest and most innovative operators.

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About Affirmed Networks, Inc.

Affirmed Networks has achieved significant attention as its Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) solution has become the standard for the world's top mobile operators. Currently, the company has been deployed commercially, including in Tier 1 and Tier 2 mobile networks, and is engaged in many trials worldwide.

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