



## **Forward Networks Named a 2018 Cool Vendor in Enterprise Networking by Gartner**

**Palo Alto, CA. - October 4, 2018** – [Forward Networks](#), a leader in network analytics, automation, and intent-based networking solutions, announced that it has been included as a Cool Vendor in Gartner’s 2018 “[Cool Vendors in Enterprise Networking](#)” report.

The report addresses challenges presented by “network complexity created by years of incremental, rather than innovative, technical changes; limited visibility into the network; and continued prevalence on manual network changes rather than leveraging network automation.”

Gartner analysts suggest that I&O leaders evaluate several software-based solutions as a way to improve the agility of enterprise networks critical to digital business. “Tools enabling network analytics and automation can improve agility and availability in advance of hardware refreshes by improving network performance and providing clearer insight into network architectures, costs and behaviors.”

David Erickson, Co-founder and CEO of Forward Networks, said “The team at Forward is thrilled with the recognition from Gartner. As we often hear from our customers, verification and network assurance are vital to reducing risk across the entire network. Intent-based networking solutions are the next major step forward for leading IT organizations.”

Forward Networks’ flagship product, Forward Enterprise, delivers a suite of network automation tools designed for large, complex, multi-vendor network environments. By creating, in software, a mathematical model of the network, Forward Enterprise enables companies to quickly visualize and search large networks, debug problems, verify policy

correctness at scale, and predict network behavior prior to making changes to production equipment. Network engineers can also diagnose issues in a fraction of the time and isolate potential errors before they cause network outages.

In a recent ROI study across several customers, including several large financial services companies, Forward Enterprise enables 50% faster resolution of network trouble tickets, 90% faster fixes related to audit processes, and 33% reduction in aborted network updates due to identified errors.

Read a complimentary copy of the entire report: [Gartner 2018 Cool Vendors in Enterprise Networking](#).

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**About Forward Networks**

Forward Networks is the leading provider of solutions for intent-based networking and analytics for large enterprise networks, communications providers and network integrators. Using their flagship product Forward Enterprise, customers reduce time to analyze and troubleshoot network issues, remove operational complexity and increase network availability. Forward Networks was founded in 2013 by four Stanford Ph.D. graduates and is headquartered in Palo Alto, California. For more information, visit <http://www.forwardnetworks.com>.

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