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## **NetCitadel, Now Known as Proofpoint, Named a Finalist in the 2014 Hot Companies and Best Products Awards by Network Products Guide**

### **Winners Will Be Honored In San Francisco on June 23, 2014**

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 06/11/14 -- Proofpoint, Inc. (NASDAQ: PFPT), a leading security-as-a-service provider, announced today that Network Products Guide, the industry's leading technology research and advisory guide, has named NetCitadel a finalist for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual 2014 Hot Companies and Best Products Awards in the Security Software category. NetCitadel, Inc. was acquired last month by Proofpoint.

These industry and peer awards from Network Products Guide are the world's premier information technology awards honoring achievements and recognitions in every facet of the IT industry. Winners will be honored in San Francisco on Monday, June 23, 2014 during the 9<sup>th</sup> annual dinner and presentations.

Proofpoint, through its acquisition of NetCitadel, is a pioneer in innovative security threat management. Recognizing the dramatic growth in cyber-attacks and the increase in targeted attacks using Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), the company has identified the need to operationalize the overwhelming volume of security data and turn them into protections. Its threat management platform, formerly known as ThreatOptics and now called Proofpoint Threat Response, leverages patent-pending technology to connect existing network security devices with real-time security event information then update protective infrastructure instantly.

An annual achievements and recognition awards program with active participation from a broad spectrum of industry voices, the coveted annual Hot Companies and Best Products recognition program encompasses the world's best in organizational performance, products and services, executives and management teams, successful deployments, product management and engineering, support and customer satisfaction, and public relations in every area of information technology.

"It's an honor to be named a finalist by Network Products Guide for this esteemed industry and peer award," said Gary Steele, CEO of Proofpoint. "This further validates our position as a company poised to successfully overcome the security threat management issues faced by organizations today."

#### ***About Network Products Guide Awards***

As industry's leading technology research and advisory publication, Network Products Guide plays a vital role in keeping decision makers and end-users informed of the choices they can make in all areas of information technology. You will discover a wealth of information and tools in this guide including the best products and services, roadmaps, industry directions, technology advancements and independent product evaluations that facilitate in making the most pertinent technology decisions impacting business and personal goals. The guide follows conscientious research methodologies developed and enhanced by industry experts. To learn more, visit [www.networkproductsguide.com](http://www.networkproductsguide.com)

#### ***About Proofpoint***

Proofpoint Inc. (NASDAQ: PFPT) is a leading security-as-a-service provider that focuses on cloud-based solutions for threat protection, compliance, archiving & governance, and secure communications. Organizations around the world depend on Proofpoint's expertise, patented technologies and on-demand delivery system to protect against phishing, malware and spam, safeguard privacy, encrypt sensitive information, and archive and govern messages and critical enterprise information. More information is available at [www.proofpoint.com](http://www.proofpoint.com).

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