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Fail-Safe Internet Service?

If you can't afford disruptions to your high speed Internet service, you may be interested in the HotBrick firewall. Unlike conventional firewalls the HotBrick can be connected to two high speed Internet services simultaneously. Since the second line is only a backup in case of failure of the primary service, a low cost DSL service will suffice. The added cost is well worth it if you want virtually guaranteed Internet service up-time.

The HotBrick 600 Dual WAN firewalls start at \$500. A second DSL circuit may be as little as \$80/month. Configuring your mail server to automatically access a second circuit if your primary circuit fails would typically require a couple of hours to set up.

We currently have a HotBrick Dual WAN firewall on order and plan on testing this technology in our office. We will publish the results of our tests in a future newsletter. Of course, this technology only protects from failure of your primary high speed Internet service and does not provide a solution do to power or local network issues.

Have you spoken to Kimberly?

On November 4th Kimberly Shaw joined LANsultants as our receptionist. As one of Kimberly's primary responsibilities will be answering the telephones, I am sure you will all have the opportunity to introduce yourself to her soon. Shirlean has been promoted to Administrative Assistant. Shirlean will be supervising Kimberly and will always be available to assist you. Welcome aboard Kimberly and congratulations Shirlean.

VeriSign Sells Network Solutions

Network Solutions is the organization that registers all internet domain names for the '.com', '.net' and '.org' domains.

On October 16th VeriSign announced its intention to sell Network Solutions to Pivotal Private Equity. Pivotal Private Equity is a provider of equity for mid-size corporate acquisitions in the telecommunications and Internet services industries.

Network Solutions manages 8 million domain names and will continue to provide and enhance a full range of affordable web related services, including domain names, web sites, business e-mail, and security tools.

To view VeriSign's press release and to get additional information go to <http://www.verisign.com/corporate/news/index.html> and access the archives for October 16, 2003.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

LANsultants will be closing at 3:00pm on Wednesday, November 26th and will be closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th in celebration of Thanksgiving.

END OF YEAR SCHEDULING

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we always receive a spike in network upgrade requests between now and New Year's. If you are considering an upgrade before the end of the year please provide as much advance notice as possible so that we can schedule your work around the holidays and scheduled vacations.