

Avenda Systems and Cisco Systems Sign Technology Licensing Agreement

Customers will be able to deploy sophisticated security features embedded in Cisco Switches using identity and role-based network privileges managed centrally from the eTIPS Policy Management System.

San Jose, California February 5th, 2008— Avenda Systems, Inc., a provider of policy management systems, has signed a technology licensing agreement with Cisco Systems, Inc. giving Avenda access to the protocols and technologies being developed by Cisco as part of its new Trusted Security Architecture (TrustSec). With this agreement, Customers will be able to provision the TrustSec features embedded in Cisco's switches with Avenda's flagship eTIPS policy management system, the industry's leading policy management system for identity and role-based network privilege management.

Not only does this agreement drive the further acceptance of Cisco's Trusted Security Architecture but it also provides customers with the converged policy framework necessary for enabling the next generation of Cisco switch security features and service modules. The centralized eTIPS policy management system now available for current policy management requirements will extend to the capabilities provided by this new infrastructure as it becomes available.

"Cisco TrustSec will dramatically reduce the operational costs of compliance within enterprise switched networks through its role based access control and crypto features. Cisco is pleased to see Avenda adding TrustSec technology to its flagship eTIPS Policy Management System. This will allow our customers to reap the benefits TrustSec provides," said Bob Gleichauf, CTO of Cisco's Data Center, Switching and Services Group.

"As companies deploy next generation network equipment such as the Nexus 7000 Data Center Switch, there will be a need to enable new features with better and more fine grained policy management. A next generation identity and policy management solution becomes a critical component of the infrastructure. Integration of eTIPS with technologies embedded in Cisco devices allows customers get the most benefit from their Cisco infrastructure," said Krishna Prabhakar, CEO of Avenda.

Converged Policy Management System For Cisco NAC, Microsoft NAP as well as Cisco TrustSec

By enabling TrustSec from eTIPS, customers will be able to manage network access policies for Cisco NAC, Microsoft NAP as well as Cisco TrustSec from a single policy management system. Not only does this provide a uniform management model for all access control technologies, thereby avoiding replication of effort that would be necessary without a converged policy framework, but it also ensures that policies are consistent across the network and across access control technologies in a heterogeneous environment. TrustSec policies can also include information normally associated with NAC such as client health.

Enhanced Management of TrustSec Role-Aware Access Control with Intuitive Concept of Network Privileges

With TrustSec, Cisco introduces a new mechanism of Security Group Tags (SGTs) and Security Group Access Control Lists (SGACLs) to inject role awareness into the network and to enable role-based access controls. By supporting SGTs and SGACLs in eTIPS, customers are able to take advantage of these TrustSec capabilities using the intuitive and flexible concept of "Network Privileges" already built into the eTIPS policy model. With Network Privileges, customers can easily define policies that are not only role-based, but based also on any other attributes including dynamic ones such as location, health and time-of-day.

Additional Support For Application Level Policy Management

The agreement also gives Avenda rights to the protocols supported by the Programmable Intelligent Services Accelerator (PISA) module, an intelligent services supervisor for the Cisco Catalyst 6500 series. Adding support for these protocols to eTIPS integrates application level access control and resource management policies, such as QoS policies, together with NAC and TrustSec policies within a consistent, unified policy management framework.

TrustSec functionality will be released as part of the eTIPS product line.

About Avenda Systems, Inc.

Avenda Systems, Inc. is a provider of identity and policy management systems. The California-based Corporation has its development centers in Santa Clara, California, and Bangalore, India. For additional information and evaluation copies of Avenda products, please send Email to info@avendasys.com

#####

All the product and company names in the press release may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their owners.

For more information, please contact:

Joseph F. Kushi , VP Sales and Marketing

jfk@avendasys.com

+ 1 617-331-5000

Michael Fine, CTO

mfine@avendasys.com

+ 1 408-748-1993