



Case Study: Rhode Island Student Loan Authority



Summary: RISLA was founded in 1981 with headquarters in Warwick RI with 65+ employees. Dedicated to helping students attain student loans and has assisted in generating over 2.3M in loans.

Challenges: The client wanted to upgrade some of their aging infrastructure and enlisted WCA to assess their needs and propose a solution within the current organization's budget. Client needed minimal interruption to the daily workload as possible, so product was configured/tested off site and most of the on-site work was scheduled during off hours.

Solution: WCA performed an IT Assessment and then provided a proposal to migrate their virtual infrastructure within the client's budget restraints. The assigned project manager scheduled installation hours within the client's off hours request.

Benefits: The new virtual infrastructure solution has greatly enhanced RISLA's data center. The details of this install are as follows:

- Configured/tested/installed 2 Ruckus switches
- Configured/tested/installed 2 HPE DL 360 servers
- Added Nimble storage HF20 to existing environment
- Upgrade vCenter VSA from 6.5 to current version
- Migrate existing virtual machines to new data storage
- Verified and tested device to confirm it was working properly
- Transferred knowledge to IT staff
- Minimal interruption to daily schedule

Industry

Financial Funding (Higher Ed)
Warwick RI

Environment

65 + Employees

Challenges

- Upgrade existing virtual infrastructure
- Off hours installation at site

Solution

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- Install 2 HPE DL 360 Servers
- Install 2 Ruckus Switches
- Transfer knowledge to IT staff