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Brocade Fabric Vision Technology Named as "Products of the Year" Finalist by Storage Magazine/Search Storage.com

Recognized in Storage Management Category for Automating Policy-Based SAN Monitoring, Ensuring Signal Integrity for Ports and Cables

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 01/28/14 -- Brocade (NASDAQ: BRCD) today announced that Brocade[®] Fabric Vision technology has been selected as a finalist in the *Storage* magazine/SearchStorage.com 2013 Products of the Year awards competition in the Storage Management Tools category. Brocade has previously won [Gold and Silver Product of the Year awards](#) for both its storage area networking (SAN) and Ethernet fabric product families. This year's selection as a finalist was based on new monitoring and automation functionality the company has introduced with its Fabric Vision technology offering for SAN environments.

Now in its eleventh year, the *Storage* magazine/SearchStorage.com Products of the Year program recognizes the best new or enhanced enterprise data storage systems of the year in six categories. Brocade Fabric Vision technology is one of seven finalists in the [Storage Management Tools category](#), which includes products that can handle storage resource management, performance monitoring, capacity planning and provisioning. Winners will be announced in February 2014, receiving either a Gold, Silver or Bronze award.

In selecting Brocade Fabric Vision technology as a finalist, *Storage* magazine/[Search Storage.com](http://SearchStorage.com) editors said, "This hardware and software product automates deployment of monitoring policies across multiple switches and fabrics using policies based on Brocade's expertise in this technology. Diagnostic Port is new to the product this year; it's a patent-pending technology to ensure signal integrity for Gen 5 Fibre Channel optics and cables."

"Recognition once again by the Product of the Year judges validates Brocade's mission to simplify and automate our customers' data center environments in order to better facilitate their strategic business objectives such as consolidation, flash or solid state drive (SSD) storage, virtualization and cloud computing," said Jack Rondoni, vice president, Data Center Storage and Solutions, at Brocade. "Furthering our leadership position in providing the industry's best solutions for data center SANs, Fabric Vision technology is a key component of our efforts to advance the core values of Fibre Channel to further improve application uptime and performance of mission-critical applications."

Unique to the Brocade Fibre Channel SAN family, Fabric Vision technology is a hardware and software solution that helps IT organizations accelerate new SAN deployments, optimize resources and dramatically reduce operational costs. With Fabric Vision technology, administrators have new tools and automation capabilities that simplify day-to-day SAN management tasks, increase productivity and enable proactive management of SAN infrastructures to help ensure the highest levels of availability and performance.

In 2012, Brocade SAN and Ethernet fabric products each won two Products of the Year awards from Tech Target, the publisher of *Storage* magazine, SearchStorage.com, SearchServerVirtualization.com and SearchDataCenter.com.

Brocade claimed the two top honors in the Storage Networking Equipment category of the 2011 *Storage* magazine/Searchstorage.com Product of the Year awards competition for the Brocade 1860 Fabric Adapter, which was awarded Gold, and for the Brocade 6510 Switch, which received a Silver award.

Brocade VCS[®] Fabric technology was named Product of the Year with a Gold award in the "Hardware for Virtualization" category of the SearchServerVirtualization.com 2011 Products of the Year awards competition. In addition, the Brocade VDX[®] 6720 Switch was named a Product of the Year, winning the Silver award in the "Computing Hardware" category of the SearchDataCenter.com 2011 Products of the Year awards contest.

For more information about the *Storage* magazine/SearchStorage.com 2013 Products of the Year awards and a complete list of finalists, visit: <http://bit.ly/1iqK7uN>.

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Brocade (NASDAQ: BRCD) networking solutions help the world's leading organizations transition smoothly to a world where

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