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RKON Recognized Among Fastest Growing Companies in Chicago

Crain's Chicago Business names RKON, a leading provider of managed cloud services, to its "Fast Fifty 2013" list of the area's fastest-growing companies.

Chicago, IL, June 4, 2013 -- RKON, Inc., a leader in IT managed and cloud services, was named to Crain's Fast Fifty, a list published annually by Crain's Chicago Business. With five-year growth rate of 222%, RKON ranked 24 on their list of the top fifty companies.

"We are honored to be named to Crain's Fast Fifty in 2013 as we celebrate our fifteenth year in business," Jeff Mullarkey, RKON CEO stated. "This is external validation of the high-quality work our team is doing in pursuit of IT excellence for our clients."

RKON has been passionate about early adoption, innovation, security and high quality design and implementation since it's founding in 1998. RKON has grown to become one of the premier managed cloud providers in the Midwest. Hundreds of companies turn to RKON to solve their toughest IT challenges from hosted virtual desktops, disaster recovery, and managed security to managed virtualization.

Crain's reported: "RKON's midsize corporate clients are eager to make the most of data, but they don't have the personnel to manage it themselves. About 20 percent of RKON employees' time goes into keeping up with new technologies and becoming expert in them, CEO Jeff Mullarkey says. A big investment in developing cloud-based services also has proven lucrative, enabling companies that can't afford to keep buying new tech to leverage RKON's infrastructure as a service instead." Click here to read the full article.

All the companies selected have done business differently to create growth, impact their industry and make their mark in the community. Companies with headquarters in the six-county area of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will with 2012 revenue of at least \$20 million were eligible. Qualifying applicants had to have revenue growth from 2011-12 and no more than one year of declining revenue at any point from 2007-11.

ABOUT RKON, INC.

RKON is a leader in <u>managed cloud solutions</u> that empower enterprises with complete access, control, security, and scalability. Clients turn to RKON to deliver best-in-class technology-enabled solutions to solve their toughest challenges from <u>Hosted Virtual Desktops</u>, <u>Disaster Recovery</u>, <u>Managed Security</u>, to <u>Managed Virtualization</u>. Our passion around early adoption, innovation and high quality design and implementation has been the cornerstone of our culture since our founding in 1998.

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