

10 Hot Networking Companies With IPO Potential

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Palo Alto Networks

Founded: 2005

Not only is Palo Alto CEO Lane Bess confident in his company's IPO potential, but he'd also be happy to state Palo Alto's goal for seeing it through: next year. The growth of Palo Alto, whose disruptive firewall technology gives users control and visibility of applications and content by user, not by IP addresses or ports, has been astounding in the past two years, and the company motored through the economic downturn with the wind at its back. Its channel partners are, to put it mildly, impressed with the vendor's channel acuity, and Bess himself assured

Channelweb.com in a recent interview that Palo Alto will be an IPO for certain, with no plans to let the company be acquired before that happens.