## Product reviews

## Forval ElipServices

**Summary:** There's no need to buy expensive appliances to receive the same functionality available from ElipServices that receives our Editor's Choice Award for ingenuity and value.

Price: As low as \$1-day www.elipservices.com

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Smaller and expanding companies usually encounter the high cost of adding services and appliances to their network environment that in many cases can be cost prohibitive without the proper funding. Many businesses choose not to add this necessary environment until absolutely necessary because of the monetary outlay that is required. Forval International, which is located in California and is based in Tokyo, Japan, provides a unique service that forgoes the expense of purchasing expensive appliances for common network infrastructure solutions with their ElipServices offering that wins our Editor's Choice Award for ingenuity and value.



The key appliance that is capable of providing these services is the Forval ElipServices Switch. This appliance is connected to your network environment and with the Forval's servers to provide various services required by many companies. It can also be used in several different corporate locations

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connected functions required by each branch office. The switch can be connected to other switch products, computer systems, printers, network attached storage and wireless users in the business to provide connectivity within the product's firewall that also include stateful packet inspection and protection against Denial of Service (Dos) attacks. Attached to the internet through a broadband service it will communicate with Forval and eventually your branch offices that contain the same product.

There are several different services available with the company's ElipServices that include a powerful backup process. You'll be able to store important data on a regular basis to the ElipServices' site according to your

els, which provides file protections with your corporate data. The switch also includes QoS (Quality of Service) features that are needed today to regulate bandwidth, especially when needed for critical applications such as VoIP (Voice over IP) and streaming media solutions.

If your company is lacking the necessary funding to provide your network with key business solutions, then think about Forval International's ElipServices that is available through a set price on a monthly basis. The cost of the service starts out at around \$1 per day however the overall price will be dictated by the services used. You'll find more information on this product from the company's web site at www.elipservices.com.



needs and provides for a very effective disaster recovery plan. Site-to-site and remote user VPN (virtual private network) environments can be created that can provide stable communications between the primary headquarters and remote offices as well as providing access to telecommuters and other outside users. The ElipServices Switch can also be used to create file shares on the network from any PC or storage device that is present within the environment. It also provides a high level of user and file security lev-

