



## Executive Summary

### HORNE LLP

- Largest Mississippi-based public accounting firm
- Ranked in Top 10 CPA firms in Southeast
- Ranked in Top 50 CPA firms in the nation
- 475 employees

### Challenge

- Establish a reliable, secure, hardened IT environment to host more than 100 applications used by firm partners and staff to serve clients
- Deliver 7/24/365 Helpdesk and Engineering support for Horne's application platforms

### Solution

- House Horne's IT infrastructure in Venture's enterprise class Data Center
- Deliver 7/24/365 Helpdesk and Engineering support for Horne's application platforms

### Results

- Continuous IT operations provided by Venture's Data Center
- Proactive management and monitoring identifies and heads off potential problems, thus avoiding service interruptions

# Venture Technologies: Leave the Technology to Us

Based in Ridgeland, Miss., HORNE LLP is the largest Mississippi-based public accounting firm and is ranked as one of the Top 10 CPA firms in the Southeast and Top 50 in the nation. With approximately 475 team members in six states, HORNE provides accounting and business advisory services to clients throughout the United States.



"Our network is the backbone of our organization's technology infrastructure," said Dave Bufkin, information technology director for HORNE. "Based on a centralized data center model, HORNE requires a reliable, secure data center to host the 100+ applications that our partners and staff rely on to serve our clients."

Venture Technologies met the challenge for HORNE by providing an enterprise class data center environment. Venture's SAS-70 Type II facility is designed specifically to house critical IT infrastructure. "By partnering with Venture, HORNE leverages our world class physical, network and security infrastructure," said Gerard Gibert, Venture's CEO. "We've designed the Venture data center to eliminate single points of failure. Costly downtime is not an option for clients like HORNE LLP."

To keep HORNE's team up and running, Venture is always ready to provide hands on technical assistance with troubleshooting and problem resolution. In fact, Venture heads off trouble by having engineers conduct daily physical inspections and analysis of hardware/software alerts and notifications produced by HORNE'S servers and infrastructure. Venture takes appropriate action to resolve issues before they result in interruptions to HORNE'S operations.

"This service allows the technology team at HORNE to focus on providing solutions to our partners and staff rather than spending time managing an outside data center," said Bufkin. "The Venture Technologies team works to ensure that we are successful. From the initial planning stages right through implementation, they have maintained an open line of communication and continue to meet our data center needs."

Venture Technologies data center managed services are an integral component of HORNE LLP's business and IT operations. By delivering continuous service through aggressive SLA's Venture allows HORNE's professionals to focus on meeting client needs.

