



IOWA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

CASE STUDY

STRENGTHENING DISASTER RECOVERY PLANS FOR ENHANCED RTO/RPO REQUIREMENTS

OVERVIEW

For more than 15 years, **Iowa Bankers Association** has trusted IP Pathways as a valued partner, relying on their expertise in building and maintaining critical on-premise infrastructure. Iowa Bankers recognized the need to evaluate their disaster recovery plan to meet rigorous RTO/RPO standards, so they turned to IP Pathways for a customized solution. In addition, IP Pathways assisted in enhancing their data resiliency in response to the ever-growing number of cybersecurity threats and other possible causes of data loss. IP Pathways delivered a multi-tiered solution that was both cost-effective and seamlessly integrated with their existing technology environment.

"IP Pathways was able to leverage a considerable amount of the technology stack we already had in place to develop an innovative but cost effective solution. IP Pathways was able to take their templated solution and overlay a considerable amount of customization to ensure the solution met all of our needs."

Anthony Parrish

Vice President of Information Technology
Iowa Bankers Association

SOLUTION

- Using IP Pathways' carrier-agnostic connectivity service
- Near instant RTO/RPO by developing multiple tiers of recovery
- Airgap copy of their data
- Near real-time replication of their primary servers
- Ability to conduct failover tests easily
- Eliminate internal DR Infrastructure

IP Pathways closely collaborated with the Iowa Bankers Association to understand their objectives and crafted a diversity of solutions perfectly aligned with their unique requirements. This innovative approach minimized the reliance on internal infrastructure. It achieved near-instant RTO/RPO standards for critical systems, enabling the implementation of an Airgap data backup to replace their outdated tape backup system. This solution effectively streamlined the tasks for Iowa Bankers Association's technology team, resulting in significant saved staff time.

The partnership with IP Pathways allowed for a customized DRaaS to fit specific needs and to eliminate the need to maintain offsite physical equipment in a third-party data center, ultimately resulting in improved efficiency and cost savings. These solutions helped Iowa Bankers Association achieve its business goals and ensure minimal customer impact in the event of a data center incident. The implementation process required a considerable amount of planning, effort, and resources, but the collaborative effort of the team ensured successful completion and resolution of any arising issues. This multi-tiered solution provided Iowa Bankers Association with the flexibility to adapt to the growth of their business and address business continuity in a cohesive and comprehensive approach.

"We have greatly reduced our recovery time by having a combination of real-time and near real-time replication of our critical systems. Leveraging our Airgap copy and virtualized services with IP Pathways engineering, we are able to script the restoration of key systems to allow quick recovery."

Tim Mosbach
Network Manager
Iowa Bankers Association