Service Provider Comparison Chart

37 Questions You MUST Ask Before Hiring Anyone to Support Your Network	Company A	Company B	Server Sentry
Do they answer the phone live?			\checkmark
Do they have a written, guaranteed response time?			\checkmark
Do they insist on monitoring your network 24-7-365 to PREVENT problems from turning into downtime, viruses & other issues?			
Do they provide a monthly report so you know for sure that your systems are secure & protected?			
Can they provide you with a list of Technical certifications that are held by their engineers?			
Do they have at least 5 IT engineers in their company?			\checkmark
Have they been in business for more than 7 years? This ensures that they will have knowledge of old and new technologies.			\checkmark
Do they take the time to explain things in plain English? No "Geek Speak"?			\checkmark
Do they have other technicians on staff that is familiar with your network?			\checkmark
Do they provide detailed invoices explaining what you are paying for?			\checkmark
Do they insist on monitoring onsite AND offsite backups? Do they charge extra for this service?			\checkmark
Do they insist on doing periodic test restores of your backups? Do they charge extra for this service?			\checkmark
Do they have a written plan for getting your network restored fast in the event of a disaster?			\checkmark
In case of a disaster, do they charge extra for restoring your servers and/or network?			\checkmark
Do they maintain full written network documentation?			\checkmark
Do they have adequate Errors & Omissions, Liability, and Workers Comp Insurance to protect YOU?			~
Is their "all-inclusive" support plan TRULY all- inclusive?			\checkmark
Is their Help Desk AUS-based or outsourced overseas?			AUS Based
Are they familiar and can support your Line of Business applications (SAS, First Class, Pay3K, etc.)?			\checkmark

Are they familiar with the workings of CEO and DEET networks?	
Do they have a Remote Management System?	
Do they have a ticketing system in place?	
Do they actively perform Asset Management of your IT hardware?	
Do they keep track of Warranties on your IT devices?	
Do they keep track of your software licenses?	
Do they provide Unlimited REMOTE & ONSITE SUPPORT for all issues on your network and devices OR do they charge extra to fix the issues?	
Do they have a Dedicated IT Helpdesk?	
Do they provide you with a 24x7 EMERGENCY SUPPORT phone number?	
Do they charge you Double or Triple for support during public holidays, after-hours and weekends?	
Do they charge for system installations again and again over the period of contract? If a PC or Server crashes, will they charge again to reinstall and configuration?	
Do they charge extra for sending engineers onsite? How much does this cost per hour?	
If your IT administrator goes on leave or is sick, do they provide onsite resource? How much does this cost per hour?	
When something goes wrong, do they own the problem through to completion?	
Do their technicians maintain certifications & participate in ongoing training?	
Do their technicians arrive on-time & dress properly?	
Do they <u>guarantee</u> to complete projects on time and on budget?	
Do they insist on backing up your network BEFORE performing any type of project or upgrade?	
Do they offer (new) ways to improve your network performance?	
Anything else you can think of	
Your Choice	