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The Optimal Edge is Live!

The latest on edge data centers.



Critical Thoughts

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I am really excited this month to introduce *Mission Critical Magazine's* edge data center supplement, "The Optimal Edge". Edge data centers, according to Sunbird, meet four different criteria.

- Edge data centers are close to the areas they serve to "reduce latency, network traffic, and costs by bringing data closer to where it needs to be accessed while improving uptime and availability."

- Edge data centers have a smaller footprint and bring with it the challenges of cooling and space capacity.
- Edge data centers are one component in a network of larger enterprise data centers and even multiple edge data centers.
- Just because they are small, doesn't mean edge data centers are unimportant. Uptime is still the number one concern.

We have asked the industry's top leaders to share their insights on edge data centers for this supplement and they did not disappoint. Enjoy and let us know your thoughts.

FACILITY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

On June 1, *Mission Critical Magazine* began to take nominations for our annual [Facility Manager of the Year \(FMOY\)](#) contest on our website.

Do you know of an exemplary data center facility manager who deserves to be recognized? Nominate him or her for *Mission Critical Magazine* Facility Manager of the Year! This award will recognize exemplary performance by a data center professional. *Mission Critical's* editorial staff and advisory board will judge submissions and select the winning entry.

The *Mission Critical Magazine* Facility Manager of the Year will be featured in the 2018 November/December issue of *Mission Critical Magazine* and will be honored with a plaque.

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