

# VIFX Storage Consolidation Services

## Things to remember

- Planning is paramount
- VIFX Professional Services Engineers and Project managers ensure peace of mind and complete data validity from start to finish
- Each project is customized to suit client environments and requirements

## Did you know?

- Consolidation projects done with an experienced 3<sup>rd</sup> party specialist firm typically has a greatly reduced risk profile
- VIFX Professional Services help companies of all sizes mitigate the risks associated with storage consolidation, typically completing the project in a significantly shorter timeframe



## Service Description

Storage consolidation is an ideal solution if your storage needs are rapidly growing and storage management costs are rising dramatically or need to be reduced. And if continuous data availability is critical to your success, consolidation can help improve backups and deliver information faster because your organization's data is centralized.

VIFX's certified professionals guide you through every step of the consolidation process, from start to finish, enabling a storage consolidation project with seamless knowledge transfer and guaranteed outcomes.

## Outcomes and Benefits

VIFX professional services take a structured approach to all storage consolidation projects to make certain that both the current and target environments are well-defined.

- Our proprietary methodology ensures that all interoperability issues are addressed and that the storage environments have been tested.
- A specialist VIFX project manager (PMO Team) is assigned to each account throughout the project—from initial planning and design to post-implementation. The PM coordinates logistics, creates a statement of work (SoW), and owns and manages the project plan, insulating client resources from disruption. You will be kept apprised of the project status and informed of any issues or obstacles that may impact the scope, schedule, or cost of the project. Most importantly, VIFX ensure that your existing information infrastructure is fully protected throughout the consolidation process.

## Methodology

### Discovery and Assessment

Using automated tools to gather information about the virtual and physical hosts and the storage infrastructures, VIFX technical architects build a model of the information infrastructure to expedite thorough data migration planning. We identify and define an actionable outcome for consistent with your business, operational, technical requirements. This critical step ensures the implementation plan meets your specific needs.

### Planning

An Infrastructure Consolidation Readiness Assessment assists customers in determining the viability, necessity and value of moving to a consolidated storage environment. VIFX's Professional Services Team assist in standardizing and simplifying your environment to help reduce costs and improve performance, scalability and availability. Certified consultants (Netapp, EMC, HP, IBM) help design, architect your site, and prepare for the second stage (install hardware, implement a SAN and consolidate your storage to the new SAN.) Risks are mitigated as VIFX Professional Services consultants outline challenges a customer will face and the strategies used to overcome them across the enterprise

### Implementation

During the implementation phase, all outstanding issues are addressed and the outcomes are validated to ensure that the correct assets are migrated and available. Data migration commences only after comprehensive planning and remediation are completed. VIFX specialists move the data as defined in the project plan. They conduct procedural testing and validate the configuration.

### Documentation and Acceptance

VIFX reviews the implementation results, delivers documentation, and completes any necessary product orientation before considering the project complete.

## VIFX Professional Services

VIFX professional services combine exceptional strategic guidance together with unparalleled technology expertise to provide organizations the necessary ability to address business information and technological challenges and derive the greatest level of value from existing and/or newly purchased information assets and investments. Our entire organization is fully committed and dedicated to exceeding customer expectations every single time.