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Orchestration for NFV: Specialists Carve Out a Niche

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Report Highlights

NFV trials show that there is an opportunity for smaller vendors and specialists: NFV orchestration is not wrapped up by the big network equipment providers and OSS/BSS vendors

Smaller or specialist OSS/BSS and IT vendors see the upheaval caused by NFV as an opportunity to dislodge big providers

Vendors supplying data centers and cloud service providers are branching out into the telco NFV MANO space, but some are not yet using ETSI's language

Most smaller or specialist vendors playing in the NFV orchestration space focus on domain-level orchestration, rather than claiming to have a "God Orchestrator"

If specialists and smaller vendors can't expand out of their niches to develop platform plays for NFV, expect M&A activity in 2015

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