Maintaining Compliance Over Service Providers

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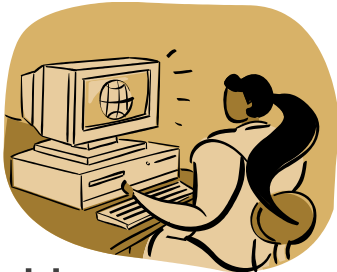
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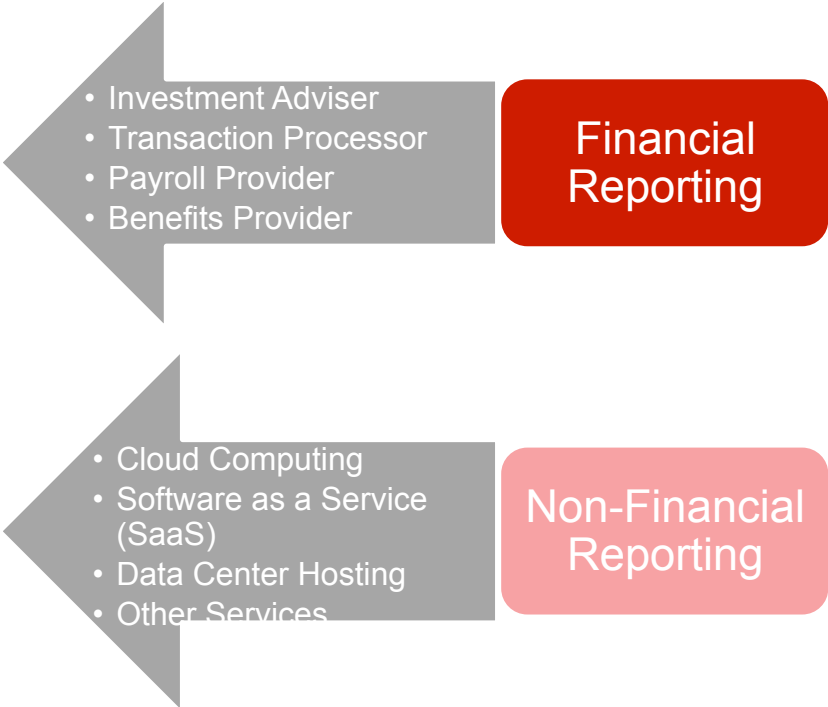❖ Service Organization Compliance as a Process

Definitions

- ❖ Service Organization – Service Provider

- ❖ User Organization – Customer

- ❖ User Organization's Auditor/Information Security Team/ Compliance Team – Customer Stakeholders

- ❖ Service Organization Auditor – Independent Third-party

Current State

Outsourcing

Service Organization

User Organization

	Efficiency
1.	Efficiency
2.	Speed
3.	Expertise
4.	Agility
5.	Cost Effectiveness

- Investment Adviser
- Transaction Processor
- Payroll Provider
- Benefits Provider

Financial Reporting

- Cloud Computing
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Data Center Hosting
- Other Services

Non-Financial Reporting

1. Efficiency
2. Speed
3. Expertise
4. Agility
5. Cost Effectiveness

Outsourcing

- ❖ Traditional Form
  - ❖ Mostly Common in Private Sector.
  - ❖ Enough Controls at the Customer (Supervisory Level) to minimize risk and exposures. i.e. Quality assurance, reconciliation, user acceptance.
- ❖ Primary Functions
  - ❖ Manufacturing, Packaging and Shipping
  - ❖ BackOffice Administration and Transaction Processing
  - ❖ On-site People and Technology Sourcing

Outsourcing

❖ Current Form
  ❖ Private and Government Sectors.
  ❖ Multi-tenant Environments with Controls almost absent at the Customer.

❖ Primary Functions
  ❖ Internal Business Functions – Payroll, HR, Benefits Administration, Transaction Processing, Inventory Management, Fulfillment, CRM, Business Intelligence, Printing, Marketing, etc.
  ❖ Business Technology – Microsoft 360, Google Aps, etc.
  ❖ Customer Facing Environments – Infrastructure, Managed Services, Hosting, Customer Data Storage, Application Development, Communication, etc.

Compliance Drivers

❖ CUSTOMER
   ❖ Mitigate inherent risks with outsourcing
   ❖ Provide transparency
   ❖ Facilitate risk management
❖ REGULATION/REGULATORS
   ❖ Industry Specific – SOC, PCI, etc.
   ❖ Federal Government – SOX, HIPAA, FISMA, A133, Energy Reduction Mandates
      ❖ Gas and Electric rebate programs, other Federal/State initiatives
   ❖ State/Local Government –Most long term programs
      ❖ Privacy requirements, secure money transmission, child support collections/ payment processing, tax match services, court services

Risks and Exposures

- Data Integrity
- Information Management
- Security
- Systems Operations
- Disaster Recovery
- Regulatory Compliance
- Business Continuity
- Intellectual Property Rights
- Privacy
- Ownership

- Right to Audit Clause
- On-shore or Off-shore
- Confidentiality
- Licensing
- Limitations of Liability
- Sub-sourcing
- Reputation
- Fiduciary Responsibility
- Exist Strategy
- Many, Many, Many more…

Compliance Strategies (Customer's To-Dos…)

❖ Preventative – Initial and Ongoing

  ❖ Perform Due-diligence and Manage Contracts

  ❖ Understand Roles and Responsibilities

  ❖ Define SLAs and measurement criteria

  ❖ Know your Exit Strategy

  ❖ Document Risks and Implement Mitigation Controls

❖ Detective

  ❖ Implement Supervisory Controls

  ❖ Monitor SLAs

  ❖ Review on-going assessments

❖ Corrective

  ❖ Push for change at the Service Provider…

Compliance Reporting Considerations

- ❖ Scope
- ❖ Testing Methodology
- ❖ Design Effectiveness
- ❖ Point in Time Verification
- ❖ Roles and Responsibilities Boundaries
- ❖ Operating Effectiveness Over a Period of Time
- ❖ Self Evaluation vs. Independent Assessment

Service Organization's Perspective

❖ Sales team's key objectives:
  ❖ Dominate the market
  ❖ Meet the Customers needs and gain trust
    ❖ Cost, Compliance, Flexibility
  ❖ Distinguish themselves from the competitor
❖ Operations and Development team's key objectives:
  ❖ Enable Customers to manage risks and exposures
  ❖ Cost reduction through standardization of processes
  ❖ Ensure processing integrity and data reliability
  ❖ Minimal deviation from standard processes to ensure cost management

Service Organization's Perspective (cont.)

As a result, Service Organizations can choose to undergo…

❖ Independent audit /assessments under various standards and frameworks.

❖ Demonstrate consistent application of relevant internal controls.

❖ Minimize the customer's need to perform initial and on-going due-diligence audits.

❖ Transparency with customers on compliance and audit results.

Reporting/ Certification Options

Frameworks	Subject Mater
SSAE 16 (SOC 1, 2, and 3)	*ICFR and Trust Services Principles Criteria and Illustrations*
ISAE 3402 and 3000	International Equivalent of SSAE 16 SOC 1 and SOC 2 respectively.
PCI	Payment Card Industry Standard
HIPAA, HiTech, HiTrust, etc.	Healthcare
ISO 27000	General Information Security
NIST 823/FISMA/Fed Ramp	United States Federal Government
CSA	Cloud Assessments

Service Organization Assessment Frameworks

- ❖ COBIT – 4 and 5
- ❖ IIA GTAG 7
- ❖ ISO 27001 and 2
- ❖ ITIL
- ❖ CMM
- ❖ COSO
- ❖ PCI
- ❖ FedRamp/FISMA NIST 823
- ❖ WebTrust

Service Organization Compliance as a Process

Service Organization

Report →

← Outsourcing

User Organization

Report ↑ Information ↓

- Investment Adviser
- Transaction Processor
- Payroll Provider
- Benefits Provider

Financial Reporting

Information ↑ Report ↓

Service Organization Auditor/Examiner/ Assessor

- Cloud Computing
- Software as a Service (SaaS)
- Data Center Hosting
- Other Services

Non-Financial Reporting

User Organization Auditor & Security/ Compliance Department

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