

Grow your business safely while balancing the risk and reward profile of your information management

Information technology services

Your business relies on information to survive and grow. Technology has improved our ability to access and manipulate information quickly to make better decisions; but along with the rewards comes greater risk to your business.

By considering your technology risk management needs in a hierarchical manner, we can work with you from the ground up. We can address your basic survival security needs at times of information breach; right through to enterprise risk planning that will take your business performance to new levels of achievement.

Information technology security services

Given the time and resource constraints necessary to maintain a secure IT environment, many organizations are not adequately protected from even the most typical vulnerabilities. Before you can attempt to strengthen your IT security and safeguard your data, you need to identify weak points in your IT universe and have a clear understanding of the potential dangers to your enterprise.

To strengthen your IT security, Grant Thornton technology risk management services will work with you to do the following:

- identify which information assets add value to your business,
- define the threats (internal & external, intentional and unintentional) that threaten your most valuable information assets,
- evaluate your existing security measures through tactical activities such as performing IT organisation risk assessments, examining security settings on key servers and devices or evaluating user access levels etc.

Based on the gaps that exist between your security requirements and your existing coverage, we can help:

- develop an information security improvement plan to close the gaps, describing both easy fixes and more complex solutions;
- assist in the management and execution of this plan, including full project management and change management expertise.

Once your information is secure, we will help ensure sustainability with periodical security reviews. We will also provide you with the knowledge to address information security issues during any future business initiatives.

Business continuity planning

Two out of five businesses that experience a serious disaster will never reopen for business. Business continuity and disaster recovery planning is essential to ensure that your organization does not become a statistic. Your plans must include restoration of both your technology infrastructure and your key business functions.

The planning process needs to be comprehensive, pragmatic and inclusive of the critical components of prevention, detection and recovery.

With our understanding of IT systems, business operations and areas of probable risk, Grant Thornton can work with you to review your continuity plan or help you build a plan based on the following:

- a preliminary risk and impact analysis,
- identification and prioritization of critical business functions,
- examination of existing methods for backup and recovery of critical business functions and technology,
- evaluation of alternative business processes to mitigate risk.

We will also support you as you create and test your plan.

Enterprise resource planning controls assessment

Enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems help companies manage numerous financial and operational processes. An ERP controls assessment will ensure that your ERP system controls can be relied upon to support your overall internal control environment, protect your data and comply with necessary rules and regulations.

Grant Thornton can help:

- implement project risk management support tracking and reporting on issues that may endanger critical milestones,
- identify key business processes,
- analyze ERP controls that support these key processes,
- test the critical ERP controls,
- identify key business processes that lack the proper ERP control support,
- ensure controls are in place to properly segregate duties within the system,
- identify control gaps and project critical data.

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