Establish a Cost-Efficient, Streamlined and Verifiable C&A Process!

Certification & Accreditation of Government Information Systems



Implement Proven Methodologies to Comply with New Federal Mandates for IT Security

December 16-17, 2004
Wyndham City Center
Washington, DC

Six Steps to Certification and Accreditation:

Step One: Mapping Information Systems
Step Two: Initiation Phase
Step Three: Certification Phase
Step Four: Accreditation Phase
Step Five: Continuous Monitoring Phase
Step Six: Manage the C&A Process

Hurry! Prepare Now for Your Annual FISMA Report!

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Comply with New Federal Mandates

Explore a step-by-step walkthrough to certify and accredit your agency's information systems

Prepare for Security Audits

Establish transparent and verifiable C&A documentation for audits

Generate IT Cost-Efficiencies

Develop accreditation boundaries and group information systems to reduce costs

Automate the C&A Process

Streamline the process through automation to save time and improve documentation

Plus! Updates on the Latest NIST Mandate [FINAL PUBLICATION January 31, 2005!]

Ensure Verifiable Certification and Accreditation of Your Information Systems

Day One: December 16, 2004

8:30 Updates on FISMA and NIST Directives and Developments
- Hear the latest news and guidance on government security and C&A, including FISMA requirements and NIST publications
- Discuss "what's next" in security reform from inside the top computer security agencies
- Voice concerns and ask questions during a participant feedback session

Marianne Swanson, National Institute for Standards and Technology

Step One: Mapping Information Systems

9:45 Generating Cost Efficiencies: Using IS Categorization and Grouping to Streamline Accreditation Boundaries
- Utilize NIST guidance to categorize and group multiple information systems
- Certify and accredit grouped systems to reduce costs
- Determine the total cost to certify and accredit information systems

Bob Tettelbach, The Performance Institute

10:45 Break & Refreshments

*Step Two: Initiation Phase**

11:00 Identifying Roles and Resources and Garnering Support from Stakeholders
- Identify key participants in the C&A process
- Acquire agreement and support from senior agency security staff, stakeholders and constituents
- Align C&A process and security controls with agency security requirements

Jim Litchko, Litchko & Associates
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12:00 Networking Luncheon

*Step Three: Certification Phase**

1:00 Assessing Security Controls and Documenting Certification
- Develop a verifiable and transparent documentation system to withstand demanding security reviews and audits
- Implement effective and cost efficient security controls that align with mission needs and reduce risks
- Execute a cost-benefit analysis to determine the best security controls in terms of costs, system usability and risk

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2:15 Break & Refreshments

*Step Four: Accreditation Phase**

2:30 Conducting Risk Assessment and Authorizing Information Systems
- Conduct a thorough risk assessment to ensure compliance with agency and FISMA security requirements
- Identify remaining vulnerabilities and propose corrective actions taken to minimize risk
- Communicate accreditation decisions to stakeholders and auditors

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4:00 Adjourn

Day Two: December 17, 2004

*Step Five: Continuous Monitoring Phase**

8:30 Managing Information Systems for Continued Assurance
- Establish potential security gaps not pinpointed in the accreditation phase
- Assess the impact of future changes and upgrades to information systems
- Communicate security vulnerabilities to agency staff and end-user to diminish future incidents

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Step Six: Manage the C&A Process

9:45 Information Security within a Performance Framework
- Develop mission-aligned performance measures to gauge effectiveness security controls for system security plans
- Establish a clear strategy for overcoming security incidents and vulnerabilities
- Develop common security performance measures that communicate priorities in the C&A process to stakeholders and auditors

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10:45 Break & Refreshments

11:00 Automating the C&A Process to Streamline Operations
- Learn how EPA developed the new ASSERT system to reduce time and costs needed to complete C&A
- Fully integrate an automated C&A process with business operations and IT management
- Lessen burden while increasing transparency and verifiability with a paperless system

Marion Cody, Environmental Protection Agency

12:00 Networking Luncheon

12:45 Implementing the Federal Enterprise Architecture: Aligning Information Security with Agency-Related Mission Needs
- Comply with OMB mandates to integrate security and privacy across all lines of business
- Align business and management level security requirements with technical controls needed at the system level
- Balance the need for information sharing with the application of security and privacy policies

John Keane, The Performance Institute

2:00 Workshop: Hands-On Application of the C&A Process
- Submit you agencies security requirements for a customized run through
- Conduct a hands-on walkthrough of the C&A Process
- Address agency specific concerns in completing C&A

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4:00 Conference Adjourns

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...and all those responsible for reporting to FISMA

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