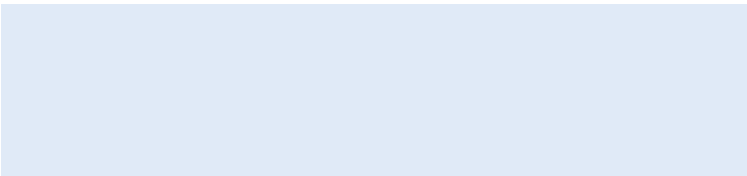




IT Risk Management & Compliance



NETWORK AND SECURITY SOLUTIONS

Enabling Your IT Infrastructure

As compliance continues to get significant attention from CFOs, CEOs and the industry at large, IT organizations are increasingly pushed towards an “audit first” approach to IT, instead of focusing on risk management and security best practices. As a result IT labors to create complex processes based on documenting and achieving compliance. In reality the processes are often so complex it is difficult to implement them. In turn, security and risk management are sacrificed. Akibia’s IT Risk Management & Compliance Consulting services help companies ensure compliance while focusing on security and managing risk.

A Risk Management Approach to Compliance and IT Security

Regulatory compliance arose from a need to make all organizations accountable to the same standards for protection and storage of information and data. Stripped of their legal jargon, compliance mandates all outline the same basic tenets - use technology and processes to make the business environment secure, and document those processes to ensure compliance. Problems

Industry research suggests that companies that select individual solutions for each regulatory challenge they face will spend 10 times more on the IT portion of compliance projects than companies that take a proactive and more integrated approach.

arose for businesses because regulations were numerous and difficult to understand. Things are further complicated as requirements for different regulations seemingly contradict each other. Akibia’s

Security Consulting Services help global companies understand all compliance requirements, build a security policy and strategy that addresses requirements with effective solutions, and regularly assess risk through ongoing assessments and infrastructure analysis. Akibia’s solutions include:

- Regulatory Compliance Services
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Security Strategy and Policy Development

Industry and Regulatory Compliance

Regulatory compliance will impact nearly every organization, across every industry. Whether public or private, it is likely that a business will need to-- and want to-- comply with regulations dictating acceptable security and financial practices created to ensure transparency and protect customer data. With extensive experience across multiple industries, Akibia’s industry-specific assessment methodology helps clients identify vulnerabilities, review security policies and evaluate and implement best-in-breed security solutions that address regulatory compliance.

We enable clients to interpret and translate industry compliance standards into practical solutions, by creating a customized security strategy and framework, leveraging industry-leading technology, processes, policies and procedures.

REGULATORY GAP ANALYSIS AND COMPLIANCE READINESS ASSESSMENTS

Akibia's Regulatory Gap Analysis provides a thorough assessment of your current security posture in relation to pertinent regulatory security standards such as **HIPAA, BASEL II, Mass Data Security Law 201 CMR 17, FERPA, FISMA and ISO 27001**. We verify any security exposures and weaknesses in countermeasures, and detail recommendations that ensure alignment of IT practices with regulatory requirements.

Are You Compliance Ready?

Akibia's Compliance Readiness Assessment is the perfect tune-up to an audit.

Akibia will leverage its proven best practices and deep understanding of regulations to ensure that your IT infrastructure, people and processes are in-line with requirements.

In areas you fall short we will provide suggestions and solutions to ensure standards are met and audits are passed.

PAYMENT CARD INDUSTRY COMPLIANCE SERVICES

• Payment Card Industry (PCI) On-Site Audits

Akibia is one of a select number of companies qualified to deliver PCI On-Site Assessments. Our team of experienced Qualified Security Assessors (QSAs) provide complete and thorough audits, providing official reports and a letter of compliance to the audited company. We also provide PCI Network Scans.

• PCI GAP Assessment

Akibia's PCI GAP Assessment, like our other compliance assessments, help clients understand how their current environment, processes and procedures measure

against requirements. This enable clients to evaluate risk exposure and deploy innovative and effective mitigation measures to achieve compliance in an audit.

Enterprise Vulnerability Assessments

Akibia's Enterprise Vulnerability Assessments utilize industry best practices and our proven methodology – including scanning, testing and analysis, to enable businesses to identify, prioritize, mitigate and manage the entire enterprise network, including internal and external exposures. As part of the assessment we evaluate the corporate infrastructure – including servers, operating systems, firewalls, routers and switches, as well as the network architecture, endpoint security, connectivity, remote access and security policies. In addition to identifying vulnerabilities and providing actionable recommendations for remediation, we also develop a framework and ongoing process to help you effectively manage risk and continually improve your security posture. Many customers will choose to engage Akibia for one or more discrete aspects of the Enterprise Vulnerability Assessment, including:

• Penetration Testing

Akibia's consultants simulate malicious hacker attacks to test the security of your infrastructure and specific applications. While a vulnerability assessment identifies intrusions that could happen, a penetration test proves what can actually happen.

• Wireless Security Assessment

By analyzing a company's wireless business requirements, network architecture and configuration, we discover vulnerabilities that unauthorized users could exploit to access privileged networks.

• Internet Risk Assessment

Akibia's consultants evaluate and test a company's Internet infrastructure and connections as well as employee Web behavior and recommend solutions that limit exposure.

Security Strategy and Policy Development

In order to build and maintain a secure IT infrastructure environment that manages risk and supports compliance it takes more than integrating the latest security systems – it requires a comprehensive security strategy – as well as effective policies to reinforce the strategy. Akibia works with clients to assess their business requirements, current security infrastructure and framework, and employee behavior to develop a complete and adaptive security strategy that employs technology, people, processes, policies and procedures.

The Akibia Difference

- **Our Experience** – Since 1988, Akibia has been delivering consulting, integration and support services to help clients mitigate risk, secure their infrastructure and protect their assets.
- **Our People & Expertise** – Akibia's cumulative security knowledge and expertise, industry experience, best practices and proven methodology enables us to deliver the best possible customer solution – based on a thorough understanding of our clients' unique needs.
- **Trusted Advisor** – We partner with many leading security technology providers to deliver best-in class solutions – while remaining objective and acting as an independent advisor to our clients.
- **Focus on Service** – We are focused on providing the best possible customer experience and are committed to delivering the highest level of service and support.

About Akibia, Inc.

Akibia provides innovative IT solutions that enable leading companies worldwide to optimize, secure, manage and support their mission-critical data center and security infrastructure. Combining expert consulting, integration and support services with world-class customer service, Akibia helps IT organizations maximize the value of their existing infrastructure, while mitigating risk and reducing complexity. Founded in 1988, Akibia is an independent IT services company with offices throughout the United States and Europe.