

Compliance and InfoSecurity - Applying the Right Resources

While credit unions are doing a much better job today than ten years ago with staying on top of compliance issues and ever-changing regulations, there is still a clear need for ongoing education. Credit union executives must stay abreast of current compliance issues so that they can effectively deal with requests from state and federal examiners. At RedRock Information Security, we have a solid understanding of not only the regulations, but how to effectively and economically meet them with technology.

Meeting the letter of the law can be tricky, and each credit union needs to take a different approach based on their size, resources, etc. The common goal is to mitigate risk in a cost effective manner by leveraging experience and best practices. Our experience and best practices are the result of a long history with the credit union movement, working with numerous credit unions, as well as from a wide range of other industries where we have applied our security expertise. With proficiency in protecting credit unions from \$20M in assets to over \$1B in assets, we leverage our deep IT experience and relationships with the examiners to help credit unions get the most 'bang for their buck' out of limited security budgets.

One of our primary missions is to provide proactive service to our credit union clients. We deliver practical recommendations in advance of examinations, whether they are from state examiners, federal examiners or third party auditors. Starting with a well planned Gap Analysis, we can quickly narrow down the best ways to meet compliance goals and secure critical credit union data. Reducing complexity in the credit union's IT infrastructure has proven time and again to be the most cost effective way to adequately secure vital data. When systems are aggregated and simplified, cost savings and successful examinations naturally follow.

Our years of experience have taught us that security must be a 'top-down' concept. We look at the big picture - the LAN, WAN, telecommunications, servers and desktops. Many times we can redesign networks and telecom systems to achieve big savings, while simultaneously decreasing maintenance headaches, increasing availability for employees and making the overall technology infrastructure much more secure. For our managed services clients, we perform a full hardware and software inventory weekly and handle all of their tedious patching requirements. A single agent keeps real time preventative maintenance going with both anti-virus and anti-malware software on desktops, laptops and servers.

Our engagements are completely tailored to each credit union's needs - we can help at examination time or all year around. Many of our credit union partners do not even have an IT Department, so we fulfill the role of CIO and IT staff as needed. We are literally a one stop shop: planning and IT budgeting, implementation, technical support, and ongoing maintenance for full life cycle support - all with the goal to have all things related to Information Technology and Data Security made very simple for our customers.

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has more than 15 years experience aligning business goals, increasing operational efficiency and implementing network security initiatives in enterprise environments. As the founder of RedRock Information Security, he brings his unique perspective and experience to bear on the challenging security and regulatory issues facing financial organizations. Randall saw a need to package, streamline and fast-track solutions, resulting in the creation of RedRock in 2007. Here, Randall could rapidly develop, price and implement products and services to meet regulatory or client demand. At RedRock, he's been able to implement an operational model as never before; integrating client-facing and back office applications to streamline the business. Randall received his CISSP in 2005 and has been involved in the presentation and creation of corporate training initiatives, working as a consultant and product development specialist and advising corporate executives. He has been a featured speaker at numerous educational events in the financial sector. In 1998 he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Michigan Technological University. He lives with his wife, son and daughter in West Michigan.

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