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Meeting the Challenges of Attacks, Breaches & Compliance

First and foremost, credit unions must focus on building and sustaining a strong security posture and discipline with their own staff, following sound processes and ensuring technology is being utilized in a secure manner. By organizing and developing an integrated security program, the emphasis should be on measuring and improving the credit union's security posture over time - not just repeating the same steps every year with the same or similar results. It is about focusing investments over a horizon in the right areas to truly strengthen all aspects of a program – with people, process, technology and partners. A security program that is integrated is one that is continually evolving and constantly striving to improve.

As part of Alloya Corporate Federal Credit Union, Alloya IT Services is of course very aware of the threats and risks that natural person credit unions face on a daily basis. By offering IT services and hosting within our own SSAE 16 SOC 1&2 Data Centers we are able to invest in and provide much higher levels of security technology and 24x7x365 response than any individual credit union is capable of sustaining on their own. Our technology and security experts can be economically leveraged across all our credit union members, which brings significant cost savings to all parties.

In addition to our hosted solutions, we also provide consulting and managed IT and security services to credit unions. For example, we provide Always-On Virtual Desktop services and BCP/Disaster Recovery services. Plus, we also offer Managed Security Services and Forensic Breach Response – providing for 24x7 threat identification, active elimination of threats and, should a breach occur, appropriate responses to mitigate damages.

With the realities of today's security threats, it is important that credit unions are prepared and have an actionable strategy and plan to address required capabilities before, during and after a cyber-attack. With its experience working with auditors and regulatory requirements, the highly skilled team at Allova IT Services can help to provide guidance and services whether a credit union needs overall IT Risk Assessments, Security Vulnerability Analysis, and Penetration Testing or if they have completed these tasks and have determined that they could benefit from 24x7 Managed Infrastructure, Hosting, and Managed Security Services. In addition, we stand behind our consulting and services with our credit unions members when it comes to meeting with auditors and examiners to discuss and explain service elements that were provided and why.

As part of our dedicated mission to help credit unions, we offer a consultative approach to determine each credit union's specific needs. So before discussions of technology and solutions, we start with a review of each credit union's specific security profile, requirements, budget, current capabilities, desired outcomes/goals and culture of security awareness to help identify a strategy and programmatic roadmap towards continuous improvement. This unique consultative approach allows us to successfully tackle technology challenges and carefully watch over your mission critical systems 24x7x365.





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