Managing Business Partner Risks

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Agenda

- Business Partner background
- Trends in Business Partner Risk Management
- Risk Management Lifecycle
- Risk Management Process
- Case Study
- Questions

Business Partner Purpose

- Business Partners provide the ability for:
 - Business process efficiencies
 - Competitive advantages
 - Cost savings
 - High quality services
- While entrusting:
 - Client/Customer Information
 - Employee information
 - Proprietary information

Business Partner Growth in Business Technology



Why do we care?

- Information
 - Type
 - Classification
- Responsibility
 - Employees
 - Customers
 - Shareholders
- Public Image
 - Brand reputation
 - "Headline avoidance"





Business Partner Growth on a Global Scale

- More than 75 percent of businesses are using outsourced services providers to perform vital business functions
- Global outsourcing industry was the strongest in 1Q'06 with \$22.7 billion contracts - Gartner Research
- Indian IT Software And Services
 Grow By 31.4% In FY 05-06 Posting
 An Aggregate Revenue Of \$29.6
 Billion (Source: NASSCOM)



Business Partner Growth

- Why?
 - Outsourcing integration can be done with "ease"
- Management sees outsourcing as:
 - Cost effective
 - Ability to provide service extensibility
 - Focus on core business activities



Business Partner Growth: How does this affect me?

- Growth in business partners access to company information leads to:
 - More responsibility to ensure the protection of company and customer information
 - A drive for more involvement in the management of the business partner relationship
- The challenges facing risk management organizations are:
 - Integrate and develop a risk management program for addressing business partner risk
 - International business partners
 - Managing these risks with a limited amount of resources

Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: The Drivers

- What are the reasons this relationship is in place?
 - Cost
 - Efficiencies
 - Risk reduction
- Understanding the "Why" will help define controls



Knowledge is key to risk management!

Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: The Impact

- Understand the impact of a security incident
 - What is affected?
 - Who is affected?
 - How are they affected?



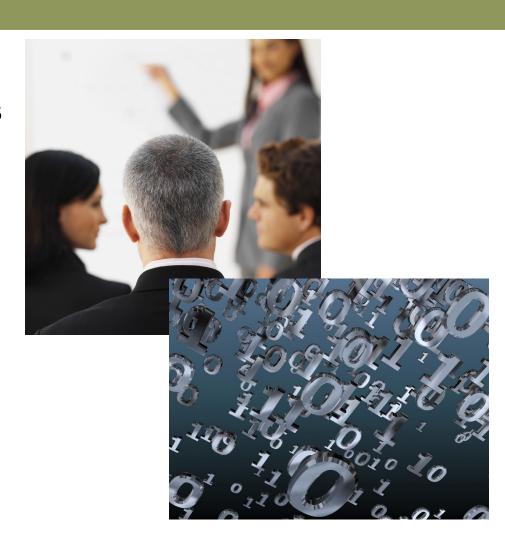
Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: Culture

- Business culture of the business partners
 - Similarities
 - Differences
- Geopolitical
 - Global business partner relationships



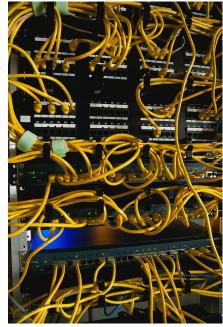
Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: Communication

- Person-to-person
 - Relationship managers
 - Stakeholders
 - Avoid StockholmSyndrome
- Technical
 - Connections between businesses
 - Software
 - Equipment



Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: Communication

- Technical connectivity
 - Direct line
 - MPLS
 - VPN
 - Citrix
- Network access
 - Remote desktop
 - User management
- Monitoring
 - Log review

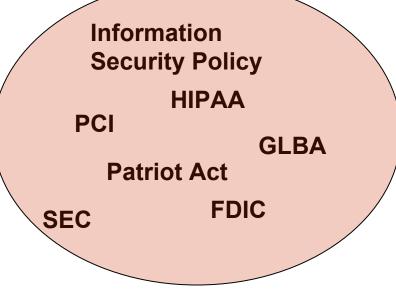




Preparing for Business Partner Risk Management: Regulations

 Knowing what are the regulations that may govern the relationship

- Company policy
- Industry standards
- Government regulations
- Build them into the controls





- Due diligence is a key element towards managing business partner risk
 - The sooner the better
 - Methods include:
 - Questionnaires
 - Documentation reviews
 - On-Site Visits



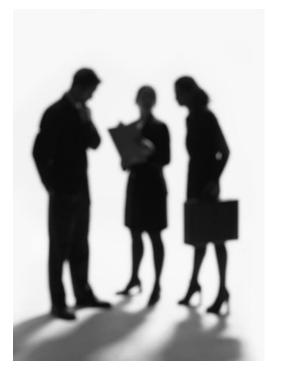
- Where is a starting point?
 - Questionnaires
 - Business Process Owner
 - The nature of the relationship
 - Type and amount of information
 - Business Partner
 - Ask how information is protected
 - » Physically and Technically
 - Based on industry standard (i.e. PCI, NIST, ISO27001)



- Where is a starting point?
 - Documentation review
 - Review all documentation relative to the relationship
 - Contract
 - Performance Objectives
 - Business Partner insurance coverage
 - Organizational policies (i.e.)
 - » Information Security
 - » Human Resources
 - » Facilities

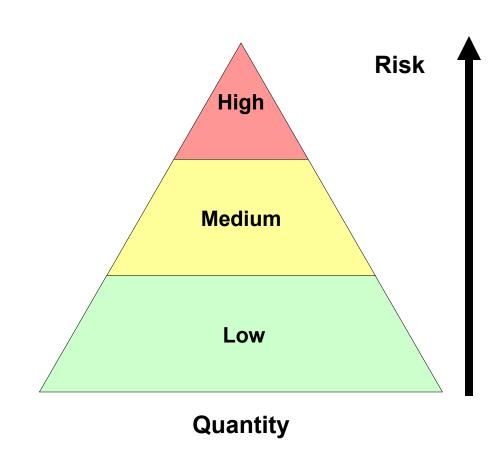


- Where is a starting point?
 - On-Site Visit
 - Review all documentation and physically walkthrough the site
 - Work area walkthrough
 - Data center tour
 - Face to face interviews w/ key personnel



Business Partner Risk Profile

- As risk increases, so do the complexities surrounding the Business Partner relationship
 - Volume
 - Information
- Continuous Assessment may not change the risk profile, but the risk are identified



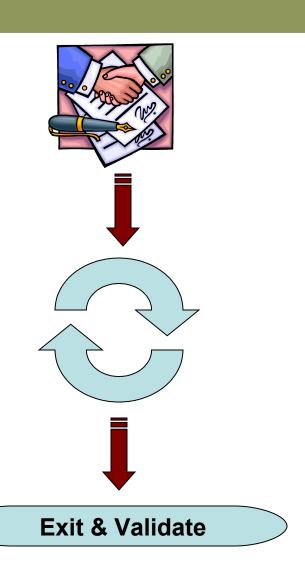
Business Partner Risk Management Lifecycle

Beginning

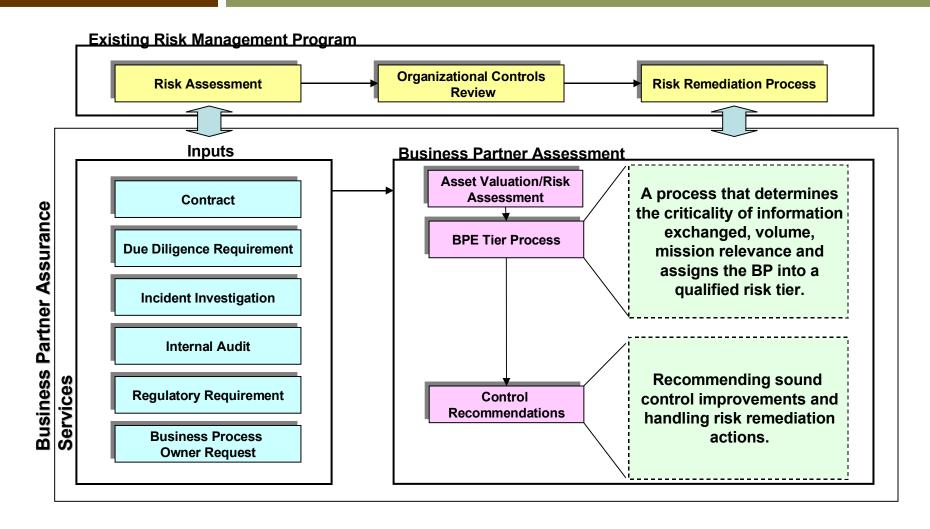
- Due diligence
- Right to audit
- Create exit strategy

Middle

- Risk Assessment
- Mitigation
- Monitoring
- End
 - Execute exit strategy
 - Validation



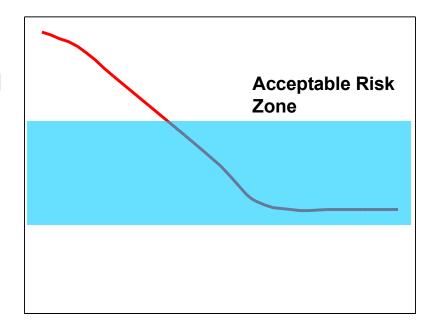
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Business Partner Assessment Results

Risk

- Initial "High" risk business partners may move down in risk
- The goal is to manage the evel risk with in an acceptable area based on tolerance



Time

Business Partner Risk Management Program Metrics

- Program effectiveness can be tracked by:
 - Review/Assessment cycle frequency
 - Number of business partners reviewed
 - Refining scoring and weighting criteria for questionnaires
 - Incidents that have occurred as a result of the relationship
 - Security awareness surveys to business partner relationship managers

- Profile: East coast bank
 - 675 branches
 - Provides retail services to individuals and small to medium sized companies
 - Yearly revenue average of \$3.2 billion
 - 13,000 employees

Drivers

- FFIEC regulations regarding service provider risk management
- Concern over business partners that had customer data
- Internal studies determined a security breach of customer data would cost on average \$1 Million

- Business partner profile
 - Over 400 business partners that placed sensitive data at risk
- Problem
 - Business line communication
 - Not enough resources to perform business partner risk management

Resolutions

- Business process ownership identification
 - Business unit management
 - Legal
 - Procurement
 - Accounts Payable
 - Goal: Identify those areas with the business partner relationships
- Business process owner questionnaires
 - Type of data
 - Volume
 - Goal: Identify the importance and risk associated with the business process and business partner

- Resolutions
 - Stream-Line Due Diligence and Risk Rating
 - Contracted consulting firm
 - Developed automated questionnaires and risk rating formulas
 - Developed defined action plans
 - Implemented continuous monitoring



Results

- Identified "non-compliant" business units
 - Increased communication with business unit leadership and associated business partners
- Benchmarking Performance
 - Identify overall due diligence efforts
 - Risky business partners
 - Focus attention on specific business processes and partners
 - Track performance of the compliance and risk management teams

