

Critical National Infrastructure Security Consultancy and Audit

Purpose:

To provide security support, advice and audit consultancy for Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) Operators of Essential Services (OES) against the Network and Infrastructure Security Regulations (NIS R) and Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) to reduce your risks and help ensure compliance with legislation and requirements of these regulations.

Overview:

Actica are an NCSC assured cyber security consultancy and our consultants include a number of UK Cyber Security Council Chartered Cyber Security Professionals (ChCSP), NCSC Certified Cyber Professional (CCP) and CISSP cyber security consultants, who are fully conversant with the latest versions of all relevant standards, policy and guidance for services that are classified as CNI. Actica can provide expert security advice on all aspects of information assurance and security, including the critical national infrastructure and compliance with Network and Infrastructure Security Regulations.

We can provide security support to develop Cyber Security Guidance for CNI that aligns to and covers the full scope of the CAF for services that need to comply with the NIS Regulations. We can provide risk assessment and risk management guidance to OES and develop the outline guidance and content aligned to the CAF along with NIS R and provide impact assessments of the information and systems to ensure that security requirements align to business. We can develop and analyse IT and IS security policies that are required under CAF and gap analyse how well these have been implemented across the OES's CNI and compliance with NIS R. We can provide security architecture and design guidance to ensure that the critical systems align with the NIS regulations and ensure architecture mitigates the risks in line with CAF assessments.

We can provide security audit against the CAF and the NIS R and provide gap analysis on the recommendations and we can also support security audit remediation planning and advice on risk management to mitigate risks uncovered. We can develop artifacts required under the regulations that align to CAF and security good practice. We can conduct physical security audits on the infrastructure as required and suggest measures to improve security processes and procedures.

Planning:

- Development of information and cyber security strategy and policies to align to NIS R for CNI
- Business Impact Assessment to identify the level of security that is required
- Development and analysis of IT and IS security policies in scope of CAF
- Security architecture and design to ensure systems meet NIS R

Set-up and Migration:

- CCP consultancy and implementation of CAF and NIS R
- CCP development of security assurance documentation in accordance with Government Security Policy

Security Services:

- Risk Assessment of Critical National Infrastructure
- Proportionate Accreditation, Accreditor and Assurance support
- Audit of CNI against CAF
- Gap analysis of as-is and to-be
- Advice and support on implementation of CAF for NIS R.
- Physical security analysis and advice on countermeasures, security processes and procedure

Information Assurance:

We can provide relevant data protection and privacy advice for services of any classification. We employ security cleared personnel who operate with information at all levels of the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP). Our systems are approved to hold classified information.

Pricing:

This service is priced based on anticipated resource requirement. Resources will be charged in accordance with the agreed SFIA day rates. Two pricing options are available:

- Firm price. The firm price will be based on the anticipated resource requirements including provision for risk. Provision for travel and subsistence cost will be made. Payment will be required against achievement of agreed milestones. Details will be specified in a price quotation provided and agreed before service commencement.
- Limit of liability. The limit of liability will be agreed based on an anticipated resource requirement. Charges will then be made monthly in arrears against resource effort expended. A limit of liability will also be agreed to cover travel and subsistence. Travel and subsistence costs will be charged at cost monthly in arrears against cost incurred.

Service management details and constraints:

Our service is subject to ISO9001 certified quality controls. A lead consultant shall be appointed who will have responsibility for liaising with the client and managing the Actica team providing the required services. In addition a Project Authority will be appointed who is normally a Director within the Company who will act as the point of escalation. We support our clients on-site, via email or by telephone, during standard office hours and with a 1 business day response time to acknowledge support requests.

Data backup and recovery:

Where our staff use infrastructure and information provided by our clients, it is the clients' policies and procedures that prevail. Ordinarily, our consultants are supported by our own infrastructure up to, and including OFFICIAL, and we have facilities for higher classification information to be received, stored and transmitted. Our consultants' laptops and our corporate systems are backed up regularly and our corporate Disaster Recovery Strategy and Plan ensures that we are able to continue to provide services to our clients in any event.

On-boarding/off-boarding:

For all of our assignments we operate our standard on-boarding/mobilisation activities. At assignment closure, we undertake a review and ensure that skills have been transferred to client staff where appropriate.

Ordering and invoicing process:

Specific details of the clients requirement should be sent to cloud@actica.co.uk. Following discussions about your requirement Actica will send a fully priced proposal detailing the services to be provided. Once approved a valid purchase order should be sent to finance@actica.co.uk for processing. Once the work is completed and accepted by the client Actica will invoice the client for the work. Payment is expected within 30 days. We are able to use a range of electronic purchase and payment systems (e.g. CP&F).

Consumer responsibilities:

The Consumer should appoint a single point of contact for reporting purposes.

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