

Cyber Security & Information Assurance

Purpose:

To provide data protection and privacy consultancy to reduce your privacy risks and help ensure compliance with legislation.

Overview:

Actica can provide expert security advice on all aspects of information assurance and security, including the implications of the HMG Security Policy Framework (SPF), the Government Classification Scheme, the International Standard on Information Security Management (ISO27001), NCSC CAF, NIST CSF, the Data Protection Act, the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR) and the recently adopted General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). 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 and are fully conversant with the latest versions of all relevant standards, policy and guidance including Secure by Design.

We can provide security support to the secure development and delivery of digital, corporate and line-of-business systems in accordance with agile and traditional methodologies. We can support efficient system accreditation, and develop and implement security management systems to ensure secure operation, including multi-sourced ICT. We can specify the security requirements and architecture for your Cloud solutions, develop security documentation and provide security support to migration activities.

We can advise on Protective Monitoring, Incident Management, Forensic Readiness, Disaster Recovery (DR) and Business Continuity Planning (BCP), Code of Connection (CoCo) compliance assessment, providing supplier security assurance and supporting compliance and audit activities. We can help you specify any security testing and IT Health Check (ITHC) required, arrange for these to be performed by a CREST and/or PCI approved supplier, and help you in undertaking any remediation as necessary.

Planning:

- Development of information and cyber security strategy and policies
- Business Impact Assessment to identify the level of security that is required
- Development and analysis of IT and IS security policies
- Privacy Impact Assessments in accordance with ICO guidelines
- Development of business continuity and disaster recovery plans
- Development of strategies and plans for flexible and secure remote/home working
- Security architecture and design, including waterfall and agile development and delivery
- Support to the design and development of secure networks, firewalls, and infrastructures

Set-up and Migration:

- CCP consultancy and implementation of Government security standards
- CCP development of assurance documentation in accordance with Government Security Policy
- Secure procurement including requirements development, tender evaluation and technical assurance

Quality Assurance and Performance Testing:

- Auditing including system, network and security standards compliance assessment
- Code of Connection development and compliance support for connecting to secure networks
- Integrating security in the agile lifecycle, including continuous integration and deployment (DevOps)

Security Services:

- Proportionate Accreditation and Assurance support
- Physical security analysis and advice on countermeasures, security processes and procedure

Ongoing Support:

- Data handling assessments in accordance with the SPF, including governance and culture
- Maturity assessment and implementation against NIST CSF, PRISMA and C2M2
- Data Protection Act (DPA), PECR and GDPR support
- Security incident investigation and information forensics
- ISO27001 support, including gap analysis and ISMS implementation

Information Assurance:

We employ security cleared personnel who operate with information at all levels of the Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP) scheme. 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. Customers may request clarification of the number of days by SFIA grade for their specific deliverables, which will be confirmed by Actica for contract award.
- 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 compliant 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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