Designing and Operationalizing Corporate GRC Infrastructure: Challenges, Tools and Strategies

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Session Abstract

An enterprise's GRC strategic orientation and posture are dependent on the tools and other resources used to implement it. The GRC tool helps to build a strong case for CIOs, CTOs, and GRC implementation teams to invest in IT GRC tools as a means to adding significant business value and gaining competitive advantage. When properly conceptualized and implemented, GRC systems have the potential to present the enterprise with a systematic, organized, and controlled approach to managing all aspects of the GRC-related issues, strategy and implementation challenges. The careful selection and deployment of an environment-appropriate GRC framework and tool would enable the enterprise to manage and streamline its regulatory and compliance obligations, appropriately identify and manage risks that help to reduce operational costs while presenting the managers with a highly visible dashboard into its risk management activities. This session will proffer a strategic and reasoned approach to address the aforementioned aspects of the GRC implementation landscape.

Target Audience

- IT Security and Risk management practitioners tasked with meeting regulatory compliance requirements.
- Legal counsels and privacy practitioners grappling with discovery and records retention challenges.
- IT directors that manage application systems related to GRC projects across an organization.
- Business executives that need to identify and manage information security risks across the enterprise.

COBIT Objectives

This session will cover most operational and regulatory compliance aspects of information security risk management, but will primarily focus on the following control objectives: PO 1-3, 5-9; AI 1-4; DS 2' 5' 8-13; ME 1-2.

Speaker Bio

Foremost business information security evangelist and researcher, **Austine Ohwobete** currently serves as the Business Information Security Advisor for Robert Half International, with responsibilities that span the entire spectrum of information security, risk management, privacy, and regulatory compliance operations for the UK, EMEA, and APAC regions. He has also held positions as the West Coast information security operations czar of Irwin Financial Corporation and as the Senior Information Security Consultant at NetSecurity Corporation where he was responsible for unraveling several corporate "whodunit" and "how" challenges. He has been engaged in the past to profess and demonstrate cast-iron security tactics and methodologies at diverse forums, including at the Pentagon.

Austine also teaches MBA classes in quantitative Techniques, Strategic, and International Management at several Bay Area and online universities, including at Holy Names University, Oakland. His information security research and writing endeavors in the areas of cyber security, critical infrastructure protection, certification and accreditation, and forensics investigations will this Fall translate into what is being billed as the one and only comprehensive and authoritative book on cyber and cloud computing security challenges and implementation strategies.