



RISK ADVISORY SERVICES

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY

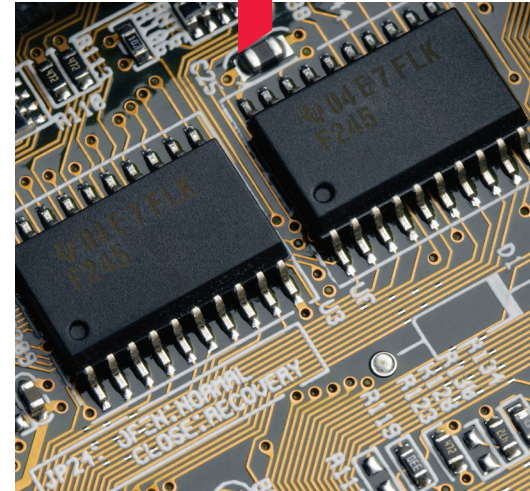
HAVE YOU BUILT A STRONG FOUNDATION?

To help maximize return on investment, organizations increasingly rely on Information Technology (IT) to automate processes and controls. Cost effectiveness can increase by leveraging technology, but as a result poses risks to the organization for growth. From financial reporting systems and key sales records to supply chain and logistics data, your company's information is a strategic asset that must be properly managed.

Do you need help navigating the obstacles? We can help. BDO's technology professionals may help clients optimize their investments in critical IT areas, and offer suggestions for minimizing business risks. Our clients also rely on us to assess the IT environment, make valuable recommendations and guide them in achieving operational improvement.

► FIELD-TESTED BEST PRACTICES

Organizations face unique risks based on the types of information technology adopted to support operational initiatives. BDO Risk Advisory Services professionals have the skills and experience required to examine operational processes and risks and to help determine how information technology affects those organizations' strategies and mitigate risks.



POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF IT ASSESSMENT

- Action plan for improvement based on years of experience and best practices
- Senior-level experience across multiple industries
- Cost savings without compromising information technology security
- Valuable preparation for external audit
- Reduced external audit fees through greater reliance on management's assessment
- Increased shareholder confidence



► OUR TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY SERVICES

Business Systems Effectiveness

Business environments and risks are continually changing, and maintaining IT controls throughout these changes is essential in order for an organization to control its risk. Our professionals are experienced in assisting clients with the assessment of their IT risks, as well as with the configuration of security and the processing and segregation of duties controls within key systems. Communication is key. We regularly communicate with our clients on all phases of a business systems effectiveness project, from the assessment phase through the implementation and monitoring phases to advise on risks, potential mitigation and other aspects of the project.

CIO Advisory

Our experienced risk advisory professionals assist clients with assessing and benchmarking the capabilities of their IT functions, including whether those functions meet the organization's business needs, achieve operational efficiencies and provide value. Our reviews include IT strategic planning, cost optimization and services management effectiveness reviews.

Data Analytics and Continuous Monitoring

BDO Risk Advisory Services professionals assist clients in transforming their data into critical business information using analytical techniques that improve data process integrity and controls. Drawing upon our extensive data analytics capabilities and automated tools, our professionals analyze and identify important business trends and/or potential anomalous transactions as well as fraudulent activities. We also evaluate, select and implement continuous monitoring and electronic records management technologies and processes.

System Selection and Implementation

Selecting and implementing optimal technology to meet an organization's current and future needs can be challenging. We assist organizations in evaluating, selecting and implementing technology systems by helping clients build business cases for new systems, define system requirements, manage vendors, and provide project management and system implementation support.

Technology Security

In today's high-tech, interconnected world, organizations need effective information security management processes. Our highly skilled and experienced professionals assist clients in assessing their information security environment. This includes identifying diverse threat response capabilities from internal and external sources, planning disaster recovery and continuity, providing identity management solutions, and assessing server scanning and network architecture.

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