

IT Governance Ltd

Why Should You Consider IT Governance Support Services?



When appointing consultants for your ISO27001 project, it is important to be sure that you are making the right decision. Here you can find background information on the services that IT Governance can offer, giving you an inkling of the degree of knowledge and expertise you access when working with us.

Certification success guarantee: A key aspect of an IT Governance consultancy support programme is that we guarantee that our clients will successfully achieve certification within the timeline of the agreed ISO27001 project. This guarantee, which is of course subject to contract, based on the findings of the initial scoping phase and compliance with the agreed resource and project plan, ensures that IT Governance Ltd will meet any and all extra direct remedial costs necessary to ensure that the client passes a second and subsequent certification audit.

On-going costs post certification: IT Governance believes that to serve a client well it is of paramount importance that the client develops the skills and knowledge necessary to run its own Information Security Management System ISMS once certification is achieved, rather than have the additional cost of buying external support back in to maintain the ISMS they had paid for in the first place. In addition, by encouraging this development in-house, the ownership of the resulting ISMS is much greater. Therefore the IT Governance approach is necessarily less consultant resource-intensive than other methodologies, with a clear project focus on developing the knowledge and confidence of the client staff involved to implement and more importantly maintain an effective ISMS.

One-stop-shop: You and your lead consultant will have access to the comprehensive and integrated resources IT Governance have to ensure a successful project. These include:

- A network of consultants with leading specialist experts in many fields (see the [Expert Panel](#) page on our website);
- Risk management expertise;
- Technical information security expertise;
- Trainers and training courses (see the [training](#) and [ISO27001 training](#) pages on our website);
- Books and tools available through our [on-line shop](#); and
- Recruitment support for IT Governance related posts.

Demonstrable track record: IT Governance Limited and its directors have experience of many successful ISMS and cultural change projects including:

- A regulator-positioned client in the UK municipal services sector targeting ISO27001 certification from a cold start (due certification in August 2007);
- Project Board oversight of ISO27001 certification for a central Government department (certification achieved);
- A German hosting company who were very late in addressing the transition from BS7799 to ISO27001 (continuing assessment visit including transition issues resulted in a clean bill of health) ; and
- ISO27001 certification project for a UK hosting company undergoing massive organizational change (certified August 2007).

Recognised by Third Party Accredited Certification Bodies: IT Governance are on the following approved consultant lists:

- *BSI Management Systems UK* Associate Consultant Programme;
- *Bureau Veritas Certification* approved list for the implementation and management of ISO27001 and ISO20000 (IT Service Management standard);
- *Lloyds Register Quality Assurance (LRQA)* Consultant Network; and
- *ISOQAR* consultant database.

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A word about cost: While we do not pretend to be the cheapest option, we DO however provide a service that exceeds the majority of our competitors. We encourage those considering the appeal of relatively small savings on the consultancy/support fees of some of our more budget-level competitors to consider the total cost of the decision they take, which means including the cost of an inefficient and ineffective information security management system that requires far more resource to maintain it than is really necessary.

More about us: IT Governance has substantial experience in designing and implementing ISO27001-certificated information security management systems.

IT Governance Ltd was founded in 2002 and is a specialist IT governance and information security business, providing a single source for a comprehensive range of information, advice, guidance, books, tools and consultancy services and solutions for IT governance, risk management, compliance and information security. Our mission is to:

“Provide best-practice IT governance and information security frameworks, solutions, products and services that are essential for business managers in achieving strategic goals, protecting and securing intellectual capital and meeting relevant corporate governance objectives.”

The company is led by Alan Calder, who is an acknowledged expert on ISO 27001 (BS 7799) and information security management systems. He consults with companies, including CISCO and others, around the world. He is also the author of a number of books, including (with Steve Watkins) *IT Governance: a Manager's Guide to Data Security and BS7799/ISO17799*, the 3rd edition of which is the Open University's text book for its post-graduate information security management course, and *Nine Steps to Success: an ISO 27001 Implementation Overview*, the first book in the world on achieving ISO 27001 certification.

Our Training and Consultancy services are headed up by Steve Watkins. Steve is widely recognized authority on Information Security, management systems and standardization. He has been involved in many successful ISMS certification projects in both the public and private sectors across Europe. He has been involved with management systems since 1989 and has been held senior executive posts responsible for the majority of corporate support functions, along with some delivery. Steve is currently the Deputy Chair of the International ISMS User Group (UK Chapter) Steering Committee and Chair of the British Standards Society Corporate Governance Group .

With our wide-ranging expertise across the entire IT governance and corporate governance sphere, we can even identify linkages and improvements to drive business efficiency and bottom-line benefits through your whole IT operation.



IT Governance Ltd - your ISO27001 consultancy partner

Member of the BSI Management Systems UK Associate Consultant Programme.

Further information can be found our website: www.itgovernance.co.uk