Comprehensive Solutions:

Proven expertise and a proven track record of results and success. Standard processes and procedures to provide consistency and quality. Professional Services offerings that really are professional.

We will look at your project from both Business and IT perspectives. We will work with your team to define a reasonable approach that meets the business objectives.

We will leverage our expertise, apply our standards, and do everything possible to help make your project a success. When that happens everybody wins!

Our team offers a full range of capabilities customizable into the exact services that you need. Our goal is to help you achieve your goals.

Let the team that has a track record of success instill confidence in you.

IN CLOSING

When a team with this much experience gathers, only one thing can happen: Results.

Working with Comprehensive Solutions is not about how big the firm is that you've selected. It's all about how good.

We're large enough, with the resources at hand to advance your project quickly. Yet we're small enough to provide the attention and follow-through often lost with larger firms.

A world where business and technology coexist peacefully? Managing expectations from both a business and IT perspective fosters common goals and a unified vision.

Our unique blend of diverse skill-sets and backgrounds gives us the ability to address issues from all sides.

We take a business approach to IT, looking both at what is fiscally prudent and what makes sense from a technical perspective. It's blue-sky thinking tempered by real-world sense. Adding value is how we sleep at night.

Give us a call. You'll sleep well, too. It's that confidence thing. It really works.

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INTERNAL CONTROLS

You know your publicly traded company must be SOX compliant. But what does that actually mean?

The process can be daunting. Don't get lost in the fog...

Implementing adequate internal controls can be daunting, but when done properly, they will be flexible, extensible, and easy to maintain.

We'll help you find the right balance.

Internal Controls: What Do I Need? And How Much Is Enough?

So, your company is publicly traded or is planning on going public. You have been told to implement Internal Controls to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX). Many questions probably come to mind, such as:

- What exactly are the requirements of SOX as they pertain to my organization?

- How and where do I start?

- How can I comply as quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively as possible?

- Is it feasible to take the easy way out and just purchase a tool to monitor data access?

- How can I ensure that all is done right the first time?

The 411 on SOX 404

Most people have heard about Sarbanes-Oxley. The Act was driven by large corporate scandals in the United States (Enron, Worldcom, etc.), circa 2000.

Legislation was created to address accounting deficiencies and hold key employees criminally and civilly accountable for the financial reports of their company. Controls and Audits are the primary means of implementation of the Act.

It Adds Up to More than Just Accounting

If SOX concerns financial reforms, what does that have to do with Information Technology? In effect, *SOX is the forced implementation of Best Practices* (which you already follow anyway, right?).

The beauty here is that nothing is really new. It's just a matter of identifying the key pieces of the Internal Controls puzzle and then assembling them in a way that satisfies auditing expectations.
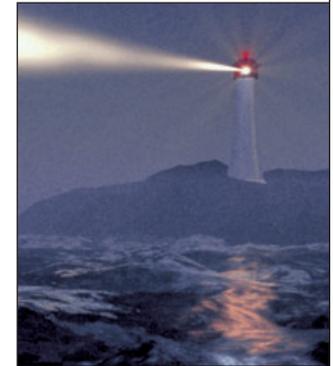
Many companies will view Sarbanes-Oxley as a nuisance. But it really should be seen as an *opportunity,* resulting in many positive benefits:

- Standardization and simplification of computing environments

- Automation of manual processes

- Removal of unnecessary risk items

- Improved efficiencies of systems leading to improved performance and reduced operating costs

- Documentation that is comprehensive and useful

Having trouble identifying and implementing key Internal Control points? **We can help.**

Operational / Infrastructure Documentation

Application Systems and Interfaces

Business Impact Analysis (BIA)

Exception Processing Procedures

Access Control and Security

Single Points of Failure (SPOF) Analysis

Business Continuity Management (DRP/BCP/BCM)

Project and Risk Management

Functional Requirements

Lighthouse: Helping Navigate the Fog of Compliance™

Just as a lighthouse provides guidance for mariners, our Lighthouse Service will provide the direction your organization needs to effectively and efficiently navigate the waters of compliance. We'll cut through the fog of complex frameworks and help you reach your desired destination.
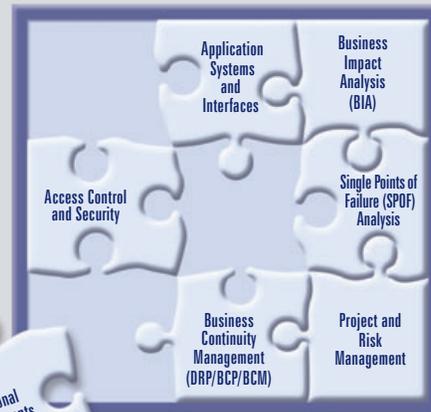
It can be complicated knowing exactly what is required, as well as what amount of detail must be attained. One size does not fit all, and a software product will be unlikely to provide the level of internal controls that auditors want to see.

What, then, is the answer? (1) Expertise in Business, Management, and Technology; (2) A defined process that utilizes proprietary software tools to facilitate, guide, and expedite the effort. This combination approach provides the level of results that your organization requires, saving time and money by avoiding unnecessary work.

A Simple, Yet Comprehensive Solution

Comprehensive Solutions takes the headache and worry out of SOX compliance. For a more complete analysis of the implications of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as it affects your business, please review our free white papers at the address below:

http://www.comp-soln.com/lighthouse.html