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Secure Halo Expands SOC 2 Readiness and Assessment Services for Service Organizations

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Secure Halo, a cybersecurity firm operating as a division of Mission Critical Partners, has announced an expansion of its SOC 2 readiness and assessment service offerings to meet increased demand from service organizations seeking formal attestation of their security control environments.

The expanded program provides structured support for organizations pursuing both SOC 2 Type I and Type II certification, encompassing gap analysis, control remediation guidance, evidence collection planning, and comprehensive audit readiness verification across all applicable Trust Services Criteria categories. Secure Halo's compliance practitioners will guide client organizations through the Trust Services Criteria established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, helping them evaluate existing security controls and address deficiencies before engaging with an independent auditor.

The announcement responds to a measurable shift in how enterprise buyers approach vendor security validation. Technology companies, cloud service providers, managed service organizations, and other entities that store or process client data on behalf of regulated industries are increasingly required to hold a current SOC 2 report as a baseline condition of doing business. Organizations operating within finance,

healthcare, insurance, and government contracting face particular pressure to produce audited security attestations as part of standard procurement and contract renewal processes.

SOC 2 Type I reports provide a point-in-time assessment of whether a service organization's systems and controls are suitably designed to meet the applicable Trust Services Criteria. SOC 2 Type II reports evaluate whether those controls operated effectively over a defined review period, typically ranging from six to twelve months. Secure Halo's updated program is structured to help client organizations determine which report type aligns with their current contractual obligations, client expectations, and certification timeline.

"Service organizations are under real pressure to demonstrate that their security controls are not just in place but verifiable," said Richard Osborne, Director of Commercial Services at Secure Halo. "A SOC 2 report gives clients and prospects an independent basis for trust, and our expanded readiness program is designed to help organizations get there in a structured, defensible way rather than attempting to navigate the process without a clear roadmap."

The SOC 2 readiness process under the expanded program begins with a comprehensive gap assessment that measures current controls against each of the applicable Trust Services Criteria categories, which address security, availability, processing integrity, confidentiality, and privacy. Following the gap assessment, Secure Halo delivers a prioritized remediation roadmap designed to help organizations build audit-ready documentation, establish evidence collection workflows, and prepare relevant personnel for auditor inquiries.

Secure Halo's compliance practice serves clients across several sectors with complex regulatory profiles, including finance, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, utilities, government services, and public safety. This cross-sector experience allows the firm's team to contextualize SOC 2 requirements within the broader compliance environments many clients already navigate, including HIPAA, the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, and CMMC guidelines applicable to defense industrial base contractors.

Third-party risk management programs within large enterprises have become considerably more rigorous in recent years, with security compliance documentation now treated as a non-negotiable component of vendor evaluation. Service organizations without a current SOC 2 report face increasing friction during the sales cycle, particularly when competing for contracts with financial institutions, healthcare networks, and government agencies that maintain formal vendor risk programs.

The expanded SOC 2 service portfolio complements Secure Halo's existing cybersecurity offerings, which include managed detection and response, virtual chief information security officer services, penetration testing, insider threat programs, and third-party risk management. The firm serves mid-sized enterprises, large corporations, and government entities, providing advisory and technical services designed to align security programs with both operational objectives and regulatory requirements.

Service organizations seeking to learn more about Secure Halo's SOC 2 readiness and assessment program can visit securehalo.com or contact the firm directly to schedule an initial consultation.

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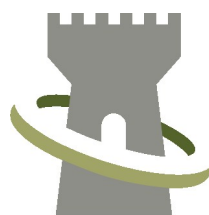
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