

#### **ISE West Executive Forum and Awards**

Nominee Showcase Presentation

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Company Name: LiveOps

Project Name: Evaluating Cloud Risk for the Enterprise

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#### **Company Overview**



liveops

- Contact Center in the Cloud
- Founded in 2000
- 400+ staff and 20,000 agents
- Support approx 56 million calls and billions of minutes annually on the LiveOps Platform
- Financial Services, Insurance Health Care, Retail





# Presentation/Project Overview

- Provider Perspective: How do I efficiently demonstrate Cloud Security beyond standardized PCI-DSS, ISO 27001, HIPAA, etc?
- Enterprise Perspective: The business is pushing me towards Cloud, and I need to know how to evaluate the risk?
- Outcome: Guidance





#### **Overview of Business Challenge**

- Cloud adoption is rapidly increasing and "wait and see" approach is becoming less of an option
- Cloud is a new model, and as such mature Risk and Security controls are still being developed
- Unsubstantiated claims by Cloud Providers
- There is significant FUD associated with Cloud





### Project Scope/Goals

- Create a Cloud Guide specifically for the Enterprise "Evaluating Cloud Risk for the Enterprise"
- Led by BITS Shared Assessments
- Participation from over forty Enterprise companies including Financial Services, Health Care, Technology Providers, Big 4 Accounting firms, and Industry analysts
- Six month initiative with the release date of October 2010





#### **Project Results**

- Enterprise Risk Based approach to Cloud by focusing on the less-known and higher risk areas
- Allow Enterprise organizations to leverage prior experience and knowledge by introducing the concept of Shared and Delta Control Areas for the Cloud
  - Shared Controls, are control area's which have significant similarities between the new Cloud Models and Traditional Outsourcing Models, and whose audit mechanisms are considered mature
  - Delta Controls, are control area's which are largely distinctive, less-known, and highest risk
    in Cloud, and whose audit mechanisms are considered not yet fully mature





#### **Project Results**

- Delta Cloud Control:
  - Multi-Tenant Platforms
  - Multi-Client Prioritization
  - Agile Delivery
  - Ambiguous Data Location & Cloud Layers
  - Cloud Management (Roles & Division of Responsibilities)
  - Virtualization
  - Legal Contracts and Data Privacy/Jurisdictional (International)
- Included are practical security recommendations, questions to ask, and lessons learned for each of the Shared and Delta Cloud Control areas

- Authentication
- Web Application Security
- Cloud Vendor Inter-reliance
- E-Discovery/Forensics



#### **Lessons Learned/Best Practices**

- There is no silver bullet approach to Cloud -- ensure that you ask the right questions, get the right answers and fully understand the solution offered
- Grow Cloud subject matter experts in your team leverage BITS,
   CSA, ISACA, ENISA, etc
- Cloud may be the best opportunity to build Security into a Product, or it can be a wasted opportunity
- Guidance will be issued on October 2010 from http://www.sharedassessments.org





# Thank you and Questions

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