IT ADVISORY PRACTICE

Business-Minded Approach

Business effectiveness and IT go hand in hand, which is why it's important to choose a partner who understands both. MFA Cornerstone Consulting offers practical solutions that exist at the nexus of deep technical knowledge and solid industry, financial and business experience. Whether you are seeking strategic consultation on key IT initiatives, support for the management of your infrastructure or development of a customized business application, MFA's business-minded approach is critical for maximizing your return on investment.

Qualified and Reliable Support

Our highly skilled IT Advisory experts have the credentials and the know how to put leading-edge technologies to work for you. Our team is known for being responsive, value driven, and hands on. We are committed to delivering solutions that measurably improve operations and profitability for our clients. It's the difference between just knowing what's available on the cutting edge … and fully understanding how best to use it to your advantage.

Technology can lead to a significant competitive advantage, especially when it's strategically designed and implemented with your company's corporate objectives in mind.

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CORNERSTONE CONSULTING

Spectrum of Services

CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENTS

STRATEGIC IT CONSULTING

- Technology and Strategy Alignment
- Project Management
- IT Due Diligence

IT COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

- Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance
- Systems Controls and Effectiveness
- Standards and Policy Development
- Privacy and Data Protection – Massachusetts Data Security Law

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT

- Technology Assessments
- System Implementation Support
- Network Management

APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- Web-Based Reporting
- Custom Applications
- Management Reporting and Business Intelligence
- Process Automation
- Database Design
- Data Conversion

DESKTOP SUPPORT SERVICES

- Day-to-Day Desktop Support Services
- Installation and Maintenance of Computers, Laptops and Other Peripheral Equipment
- New Systems Implementation – Email, Backup Systems, Software Applications
- Technology Assessments
- Network Management
- Training and Documentation Services

Certified Technical Expertise

- Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT)
- Accredited Systems Engineer (ASE)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Master Certified Netware Engineer (MCNE)
- Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA)
- Microsoft Certified IT Professional (MCITP)
- Microsoft Certified System Developer (MCSD)
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE)
- Multiple Vendor Certifications from Cisco, HP/Compaq, Citrix and others

Cybersecurity Assessments

MFA offers a comprehensive cybersecurity assessment, created with management in mind, to aid in making cybersecurity risk assessment and risk management a priority at your organization. Our assessment has been carefully crafted to leverage and integrate industry-leading cybersecurity practices developed by organizations such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

The cybersecurity assessment is designed as a four phase process:

- Obtain understanding of current cybersecurity environment
- Review existing controls and provide gap analysis
- Conduct test procedures
- Deliver written assessment report

Strategic IT Consulting

TECHNOLOGY & STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The secret to maximizing business results from your IT investments lies in ensuring that your overall IT strategy is aligned with corporate goals and objectives.

Our team specializes in translating business needs into technical solutions that allow our clients to realize maximum business results from their IT investments. Our expertise can help you identify, design, prioritize and implement new technology, as well as identify which existing IT capabilities directly support your business goals and which inhibit them.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Many organizations lack the resources and/or appropriate skill set to successfully carry out complex IT initiatives. In fact, most IT implementations fail due to a combination of three factors: (1) poor planning, (2) an ineffective work process and (3) insufficient management to ensure the success of the project. Our team of professionals has the technical expertise that your business needs to scope, plan, estimate, manage and execute on important IT initiatives.

IT DUE DILIGENCE

Perhaps one of the most important, yet often overlooked parts of due diligence for mergers or acquisitions is assessing the IT component of the target company. At MFA, we provide a comprehensive assessment of your target company's current technical environment, including the identification of issues and financial implications. We take it a step further by identifying opportunities where you can leverage the target's technology, and by providing recommended transition initiatives to ensure a successful merger of technologies.

IT Compliance and Internal Controls

MFA's IT Advisory Practice offers comprehensive solutions for IT compliance and internal controls that allow organizations to meet regulatory requirements while also improving operational performance, managing costs and minimizing risk. Whether you need assistance maintaining an effective IT assessment framework for your organization, or are in need of qualified professionals to help with scoping, documentation and process testing efforts, MFA can help.

Our team of professionals can also provide the hands-on assistance you need to help ensure your organization is equipped with a comprehensive and effective privacy and data protection program.

SARBANES-OXLEY

MFA's experienced IT team applies a well-rounded approach that considers the full strategy of our clients during SOX compliance engagements. We outline your control objectives and develop process narratives that are designed to uncover specific risks and activities within your organization's control environment. We identify gaps between IT policies and external requirements as well as create, disseminate, document and manage policies using a risk-based approach. Our broad industry experience provides a strong knowledge base for performing a thorough, IT systems control assessment.

PRIVACY DATA AND PROTECTION

Whether you need an independent assessment of your organization's existing information privacy program, or are in need of qualified professionals to help with scoping, documenting and process testing efforts, MFA's IT Advisory Practice can provide the hands-on assistance you need to help ensure your organization is equipped with a comprehensive and effective privacy and data protection program.

Infrastructure Management

MFA's broad range of proactive infrastructure management services helps you create value for your business by improving the productivity and availability of your business processes, people and IT assets.

From vision, to development, to operational reality, all of your strategy's moving parts must align. At MFA, we help IT organizations integrate operations, application development, technology assets, people and processes into a strategic and tactical plan that aligns with business needs.

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENTS

Clients rely on our comprehensive technology assessment services for solid, practical recommendations. Potential areas of assessment for your organization may include:

- Network Infrastructure
- Network Hardware
- Core Applications
- Operating Systems
- Desktop Configurations
- System Procedures
- Performance Issues
- Wiring Schemas
- Security Provisions
- Network Accessibility
- Configuration Preferences
- System Stability and Reliability

SYSTEMS IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

MFA can help you evaluate and implement new systems, whether it's email, backup systems, network servers or software applications. We use best practices to design and implement technology systems to meet your current and ongoing needs

NETWORK MANAGEMENT

MFA can also assist you in the design, implementation and management of your local or wide area networks. We provide onsite and remote support, troubleshooting and auto notification solutions to keep your systems secure, reliable and available.

Application Development

MFA's IT Advisory Practice works closely with clients to develop the appropriate strategy, tools and infrastructure needed to automate routine tasks, improve efficiency and support real-time business decision making.

We provide customized solutions that address process automation, data management, conversion and migration, analytics and reporting. Our application development specialists can augment your own team or develop a complete solution for your organization.

Desktop Support Services

Need to control capital costs? Lacking suitable in-house IT expertise? Facing involuntary staff reductions? Any one of these reasons may necessitate a need to outsource some or all of your day-to-day desktop support requirements in order to maintain appropriate IT service levels and fast track important IT initiatives.

MFA's seasoned professionals possess a wealth of IT knowledge and insight gained from years of experience working with and for a wide variety of companies, from large established organizations to smaller start-up firms. By outsourcing the IT function to MFA, companies achieve quality support at a fraction of the cost of maintaining a comprehensive, in-house staff of technical specialists.

AUGMENTING EXISTING IT RESOURCES

For many companies, utilizing MFA's IT expertise has been part of an overall business strategy that fast-tracks the completion of specific IT projects and complex IT initiatives, and allows them to achieve more with less overhead. Our cost structure, combined with our on-demand technical mastery, makes MFA an attractive alternative to hiring and training staff for what often amounts to a short-term, one-off project or periodic high-level technical advice.