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WithumSmith+Brown Global Assurance Offers Tips for Resolving Technology & Security Challenges Faced by Non-Accelerated Filers

Network vulnerability identified as most common security challenge

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ, January 9, 2008 – WithumSmith+Brown Global Assurance (WS+B GA) www.wsbga.com, a full-service provider of Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance, internal audit, IT and risk assurance consulting services, has offered insight into steps non-accelerated filers (NAFs) can take to remedy common security challenges through a list compiled by the firm. Suggestions on the list, created by Executive Vice President Sumit K. Pal, include:

- Developing a security plan and integrating it with IT policies.
- Maintaining policies, developing procedures, controls and monitoring so that they remain active and effective.
- Focusing on end-to-end security needs throughout the IT infrastructure.
- Establishing segregation of duties.
- Automating and simplifying audit solutions.
- Documenting data security implementation.

“The most common security challenge faced by non-accelerated filers is network-related vulnerability because of the increasing sophistication of attacks, lack of adherence to security policies and inadequate funding for network security and management,” Pal said. “NAF’s too often fall into the trap where more attention and resources are spent into creating a network than protecting it and by virtue of their size and budgets, any vulnerability and subsequent resolution can seriously hurt the business of a small to medium business.”

Besides providing counsel, individualized and scalable solutions to clients for IT-related issues, WS+B GA’s other areas of expertise include, among others, the telecommunications, real estate, manufacturing, pharmaceutical, biotech, healthcare and retail industries. In 2006, the firm earned the Practice Innovation Award from *Practical Accountant* magazine for creating a unique and efficient methodology to support public and private mid-market entities. WS+B GA also recently expanded its ability to service companies in the banking and insurance industries addressing a growing need for corporate governance in these highly regulated industries.



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