

Banish Metrics Management Madness

Network Frontiers Offers Simple, Sane Solution for Measuring Regulatory Compliance

OAKLAND, CA – December 9, 2008 – Compliance and governance officers know it's not enough to say an enterprise is in compliance with regulations and standards; you have to prove it. But gathering the right numbers and extracting meaning from them – data that makes sense to executives and auditors – is generating ever-growing demands on time and budget.

Network Frontiers, the leader in IT regulatory compliance management, has radically simplified this process with today's release of the Metrics Management Toolkit, the first truly practical and functional step-by-step suite for gathering and managing compliance metrics.

The Metrics Management Toolkit, priced at \$1495, includes the "Implementing Metrics Management" guide along with a spreadsheet detailing all UCF common controls related to metrics, a comprehensive collection of implementation templates (policy, standard, and job function), and over 125 predefined metrics presentations and templates for use in reporting the results of metric activity. Network Frontiers worked with PowerFrameworks to create a series of PowerPoint templates that map exactly to the metrics guides to allow easy creation of both waterfall and stacked column charts.

A free whitepaper, "An Introduction to Implementing Metrics Management," is available at <http://www.unifiedcompliance.com/metricsswp.html>

Implementing Metrics Management is the only guide that arranges metrics administration requirements into a sensible, task-related structure, reducing the time and costs associated with compliance proof activity, producing actionable information with far less effort and stress, and helping to ensure organizations properly adhere to all the regulations governing their industry.

"This sums up the whole process of how to use metrics; pick the metrics you want to use, assign responsibility for them, create the policies that address inculcating the gathering of measurement into your procedures...the how-to of all of that is in here."
— Les Selvarajah, Senior IT Auditor, CISA at Centrelink, Australia

Under development for three years, the Metrics Management Toolkit is a complete work breakdown structure that covers all aspects of implementing metrics management from an initial awareness campaign through the necessary policies and standards, plus metrics reporting templates to aid in data presentation. Over one hundred expert field editors participated in the creation of the Metrics Management Toolkit, and it has been evaluated thoroughly by leading metrics consultancies, independent compliance experts, and over fifty enterprises.

"Rather than add to the confusion surrounding compliance by creating yet another ancillary metrics guide, Implementing Metrics Management distills the essential metric requirements from hundreds of different laws and contractual obligations," says Dorian Cougias, founder and lead analyst of the Unified Compliance Framework. "The Unified Compliance Framework, in conjunction with PowerFrameworks and

dozens of very smart people from around the world, have developed the first tool that really takes the complexity and guesswork out of compliance metrics management.”

“This publication will finally shed some light on how to implement metrics management in this world of multiple authority documents and survive afterwards.”

— Vicente Pastor, CISSP

“Based on 15 years of experience of putting ideas into practice, this guide provides a holistic approach and sound principles for ‘doing’ security metrics in order to improve your security program.”

— Signe Jackson, CISSP, CISM, Information Security Program Manager

By following the step-by-step formulas in the Metrics Management Toolkit, organizations can easily create a comprehensive and integrated view of their overall compliance position and document the effectiveness and oversight of all compliance efforts. The cross-referenced controls and objectives from all existing industry standard best practice frameworks and government regulations enable organizations to work within a single framework that meets all their internal compliance and external audit needs.

Policy Technologies International Inc., a leading global provider of policy and procedure management software, is the first organization licensed to resell the Metrics Management Toolkit.

The Metrics Management Toolkit leverages the demonstrated expertise Network Frontiers has achieved in the compliance space via its creation of The Unified Compliance Framework, which extracts the IT controls from hundreds of international regulatory requirements, standards and guidelines. The controls are harmonized into a simple, cross-referenced format, dramatically reducing the time and cost associated with regulatory compliance efforts.

“We have accomplished for metrics management what we’ve done for compliance: present a logical, workable way for organizations to effectively manage highly complex tasks, cut back on costs and increase productivity,” says Craig Isaacs, CEO of Network Frontiers, LLC. “Feedback from our reviewers and beta testers tells us we’ve more than met our goal.”

UCF regulation compliance information is prepared and reviewed by Latham & Watkins, an international law firm with over 2,100 lawyers in 12 countries, including 10 offices in the U.S.

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About Network Frontiers

Since 1992, Network Frontiers has been at the forefront of IT best practices and authored numerous books, including *The Compliance Book* and the award-winning *Backup Book: Disaster Recovery from Desktop to Data Center*. The content and methodology of the Unified Compliance Framework is the result of Network Frontiers’ in-depth understanding of IT regulations and standards as well as real-world experience consulting for clients, publications, and vendors in the mission-critical IT arena. For more information, visit www.netfrontiers.com.

About the UCF

The Unified Compliance Framework is the first independent initiative to exclusively support IT compliance management by focusing on commonalities across regulations, standards-based development, and simplified architectures. Unified Compliance's strategic approach to IT compliance reduces cost and limits liability. The UCF's strategic approach simplifies compliance and standards, reduces cost, limits liability, and leverages the value of compliance-related technologies through a harmonized set of controls against which all regulatory standards and best practices can be mapped.

The UCF was created by Dorian Cougias and his research partner, Marcelo Halpern of the international law firm Latham and Watkins, which oversees all legal aspects of the UCF. More information can be found at www.unifiedcompliance.com.

About PowerFrameworks

PowerFrameworks has been providing presentation-development resources via an online website library since 2006. Their unique offering of fully customizable conceptual frameworks helps presenters give their messages context and motion. PowerFrameworks' understanding of visual message development, display, and delivery is evidenced in all of the available resources at www.powerframeworks.com.

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