Consider this...

Your company has seen tremendous success. You're growing and your teams, technology and infrastructure are expanding.

Now senior management is starting to ask pointed questions about cybersecurity, and well, they should. The field of cybersecurity is changing so rapidly that it's hard to stay ahead of the curve, and the consequences for failure are severe.

In addition to the immediate financial implications of responding to an incident, there's your company's image and reputation to consider. Once customer trust is lost, it's hard to regain. 86% of companies properly staffed with cybersecurity expertise employ a Chief Information Security
Officer (CISO)

(ISC)² Study: "Building a Resilient Cybersecurity Culture"

When a company reaches this point, the question is: Should we hire a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)? Perhaps... but perhaps not.

Perhaps a vCISO would be a better fit for your business needs.

Why a vCISO?

Surprisingly, depending on the particulars of your business model, you may not need a full-time CISO.

In today's economy, shared-service offerings seem to be everywhere. From shared workspaces, to ridesharing, to shared infrastructure. The model of "use only what you need for a fraction of the cost" has become ubiquitous in our time.

- A vCISO can assess your cybersecurity program, and help you develop a roadmap of specific initiatives to design, develop and maintain your cybersecurity program, so your company preserves a reasonable and acceptable level of risk.
- Your vCISO can provide oversight for other managed services within your organization, ensuring your providers are addressing cybersecurity issues that might otherwise put your company at risk.
- Finally, your vCISO has reach-back capabilities within their organization to engage the skills and expertise of a variety of talents across the cybersecurity spectrum, making them even more effective in managing your company's risk posture.



What Can a vCISO Do For Your Company?

- Assess the current state of the cybersecurity program strategy, identifying strengths and weaknesses in design and implementation.
- Develop and drive implementation of a roadmap of key initiatives to close gaps, build on existing strengths, and correct program weaknesses.
- Provide subject-matter expertise on security standards and best practices applicable to the company/industry environment.
- Ensure that the cybersecurity program is in compliance with legal, regulatory and contractual requirements, including required cybersecurity auditing activities and third-party risk management.
- Lead the development, approval, implementation and periodic update of cybersecurity policies, procedures, standards and guidelines.
- Oversee the evaluation, selection, and implementation of cost-effective, minimally disruptive cybersecurity solutions that meet the needs of the organization.

- Partner with enterprise architecture, infrastructure and application development teams to ensure that technology solutions align with cybersecurity policies and standards.
- Establish and oversee the vulnerability management program, including regular vulnerability scanning, penetration testing and the coordination of remediation activities.
- Oversee incident response planning and breach investigation activities.
- Monitor external threat intelligence sources and advise relevant stakeholders on appropriate courses of action.
- Develop business metrics to measure the effectiveness of the cybersecurity program and report on cybersecurity risk to senior leadership.
- Train staff and board members to elevate their understanding of privacy, cybersecurity risk issues and processes.

Want More Information?

AIS Network will work with you to assess your current business needs and requirements, and apply our industry experience and expertise to determine how a vCISO can help you take your cybersecurity program to the next level of maturity.

Contact us today!



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