Auditing Third Party Risk

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Course Description

As if managing your organisation's own risk profile isn't challenging enough today, management must concern itself with how every one of their suppliers and vendors addresses risk. That's right -management are responsible for the risk-related action or inaction of everyone in their service and supply-chain network. How concerned should your organisation be about the dangers of third-party risk today? In short - very concerned.

Third-party risk is the likelihood that your organisation will experience an adverse event (e.g., data breach, operational disruption, reputational damage) when you choose to outsource certain services, contract others to work with you to deliver your services, or use software built by third parties to accomplish certain tasks. Third parties ultimately include any separate business or individual providing software, physical goods, or supplies or services to your charity.

Third-party risk should be a top-of-mind concern for all organisations today - from global giants in the third sector to two-person micro-charities. If your organisation engages supply-chain partners or outsources anything, third-party risk should certainly be on your internal audit radar.

This course will show you how to provide effective, professional insight and internal audit assurance over this important area.

Who should attend?

This course has been designed to be relevant to internal auditors, audit managers and chief audit executives from any size charity organisation, and for delegates with varying levels of practical experience. It is of most relevance to those about to embark upon an internal audit of outsourced partnerships, procurement, contract management and the associated risks, for those who manage audits in this area or for those wishing to stay up to date with topical developments and emerging areas of internal audit interest.

Course programme

A blend of theoretical, technical, discursive and practical approaches covering:
- third-party risk and its strategic relevance to organisations
- the objectives of third-party management and governance
- audit objectives, risk and controls relating to third parties
- performance and contract management
- key internal audit areas of focus and questions
- challenges and opportunities when auditing third parties
- additional resources

The course includes facilitator input, topical examples, short practical discussions and exercises to reinforce the learning and build upon your existing knowledge.

IIA Global CPE competency areas covered
Professionalism (Due professional care)
Performance (Organizational governance)
Performance (Engagement planning)

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Curriculum vitae

John Chesshire CFIIA, QIAL, CIA, CISA, has over 24 years' experience working in the internal audit, risk management, business improvement and governance fields. John is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute in the UK, is an Independent Internal Audit Committee Chair and has recently been Chief Assurance Officer for the States of Guernsey. He has delivered many well-received courses to ten Institutes of Internal Auditors across the world and his other recent clients include FTSE listed companies, multinationals, central and local government, law enforcement, international charities, professional services companies, and international organisation such as NATO, the OECD, and UN Agencies. He is a principal examiner for the Institute of Risk Management and has been a visiting lecturer in the Governance and Assurance Hub at Birmingham City University. He loves internal audit, is a great friend of IIA Greece and particularly enjoys working in new and emerging areas of assurance interest.