

Exact Synergy: Regulatory Compliance and Internal Controls

“Synergy equals complete control of your financial truth”

The issue of financial reliability has risen on the list of management priorities. In order to address the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, which requires public companies to establish, approve, implement and evaluate their internal controls for purposes of financial statement reporting and operational integrity, organizations are searching for tools to help them achieve compliance.

Synergy[®], from Exact Software[™], provides an internal control system essential in establishing financial accountability, policy compliance and procedural tracking across your entire organization. The Synergy Web-based solution connects the people, processes and documentation that support financial governance, auditing processes and assist with Sarbanes-Oxley compliance.

Policies and Procedures

Using Synergy enables organizations to establish an internal control framework for financial policies and procedures. Within Synergy this framework becomes a business structure that assigns processes for expense approval, workflow and document certification. These processes directly aid in automating the flow of financial information throughout the organization. This ensures that the responsible manager obtains timely and accurate data, assisting in the prevention and detection of fraud or financial irregularities.

Real-Time Metrics on Internal Controls

Effective controls require real-time information on the status of internal compliance. Synergy generates real-time reports and automatic alerts on the status of several business activities:

- Month-end Closings
- Sales Documentation with Integrated CRM
- Credit Management
- Expense Approval and Reporting
- Budget, G/L and Cash Flow Reporting
- Accounts Payable with Integrated Supplier Records



Synergy business benefits:

- Real-time financial reporting
- Secure collaboration between subsidiaries and external accounting groups
- International multilingual and multicurrency capabilities
- Automated alerts on specific financial events
- Audit trail to prevent or detect fraud
- Automated workflow of financial documents to responsible manager for approval
- Web-based portal for secure anywhere, anytime access—global solution

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Centralizing Financial Information

In addition to corporate issues surrounding internal compliance, many organizations are having difficulties managing and consolidating information from remote locations. In companies with multiple offices, the financial truth is often hidden in separate databases, technology solutions and various spreadsheets. By supplying a central repository for workflow, documents and financial consolidation, Synergy provides a clear view of your global financials. Synergy can produce both corporate and department levels of finances while maintaining links to detailed documentation in support of audit and research.

Automating Regulatory Projects and Tasks

Synergy allows organizations to establish projects and tasks to aid in the management of the Sarbanes-Oxley compliance process. Secure collaboration between subsidiaries and external accounting groups enhances compliance communication and accuracy of information. To aid with internal support and effectiveness of your established Sarbanes policies and procedures, Synergy provides online training tools, internal newspapers and policy authorization and approval via automated workflow.

One Solution

In order to minimize the cost associated with managing internal controls, Exact Software offers one solution that consolidates all your workplace information into one centralized database, easily accessible through a common Web-based browser. By using Synergy, organizations are able to maximize financial assurance and minimize the cost associated with managing internal controls.

For more information on how *Synergy* can help you with your Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and help put you in control of financial truth, call 1.800.468.0834 or visit www.exactamerica.com/synergy.



Posting and tracking financial policies are an imperative step in maintaining compliance and corporate accountability. Synergy provides your organization with a Web-based portal that centralizes, stores, controls and manages all your global financial information.

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