

System Software Solutions Ltd



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- ***One of the first security solutions provider to become BS 7799 registered***
- ***Increased business opportunities***
- ***Registration achieved in nine months***

The Company

System Software Solutions provides both the private and public sector with IT security products and services. Products include firewalls, VPNs, authentication, antivirus, content management, bandwidth management, high availability, intrusion detection, data integrity and email archiving. Service offerings include support, training, installation, general security consultancy, security audits, vulnerability assessments and BS 7799 compliance consultancy.

The company is based in Birmingham, employs 35 people and has a turnover of £4.8m.

The Issue

As a key supplier to the public sector, System Software Solutions felt it was important to demonstrate a commitment to information security, particularly as the implementation of BS 7799 is now a requirement for Central Government and the NHS.

Additionally, BS 7799 registration could provide Systems Software Solutions with a competitive edge in the marketplace.

The Benefits

“Registration has reinforced our professionalism and given us additional credibility with both suppliers, customers and prospects alike. We are the 2nd security solutions provider to obtain BS 7799 registration and the competitive edge that it gives us is immeasurable.”

BSI Case Study on BS 7799 Registration

Julia McCarron, Marketing Manager

Overall, BS 7799 has created more structured and accountable information security procedures. As a result, internal operations have become more effective and processes and productivity have improved. For example, since initiating a formal system change control policy, System Software Solutions has monitored and controlled over 150 system changes. In addition, revised email and internet usage security policies have increased productivity by 20%.

BSI Role

“BSI was chosen as our registration body because it is an internationally recognised and established organisation. As such, we felt that BSI’s reputation would add further credibility to our certification.”, Julia McCarron

Lessons for Implementation

System Software Solutions implemented its information security management system across the entire organisation. Key to the success of the implementation was senior management support, a structured project plan and BS 7799 training.

The System

System Software Solutions is now working on the requirements to bring its registration in line with the 2002 version of the standard.