



**Webcast - SAS 70 Audits - Improving the Process
Options and Alternatives for z/Series Data Centers**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009 - 11:00 am EDT (8:00 am PDT)
and again on
Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 9:00 am EDT (6:00 am PDT)**

NewEra Software is proud to announce it will co-host webcasts presented by David Hayes, an Assistant Director of IT Security with the U.S. Government Accountability Office, who works with mainframe controls and audits large-scale information systems. The U. S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is the investigative arm of the United States Congress, its watchdog.

Background

Statement on Accounting Standards No. 70 (SAS 70, known as the Service Audit) is a requirement for many data centers that provide services to other organizations. Service audit reports are relied upon by many organizations in the preparation of their required annual financial statement audits. With the increasing focus on internal control and transparency, the information contained in service audits is increasingly significant to the overall assessment of organizations' controls. At the same time, the audit community's ability to accurately review and report on mainframe controls is growing more and more limited. Also, the audit standards bodies in the U.S. and overseas are now working on a common standard for service audits.

Relevance

Mr. Hayes will address issues relevant to all public and private organizations operating IBM z/Series hardware and software. Audit Account Supervisors, Chief Financial Officers, Risk Managers, Security Officers, Compliance Officers, and Information Systems Managers will find the material timely and relevant to their organizations and/or clients.

Mr. Hayes will present practical alternatives available to the data center for gathering and presenting more relevant z/Series control information to the SAS 70 auditors, thus reducing the overall audit cost, potential confusion and delay of the final audit.

What's to be Gained

The need for a SAS 70 Audit is a demanding, time consuming and costly requirement for many data centers. Outside auditors often rely on the information gathered in these Service Audits to support their audit opinions. The content of the typical Service Audit describing controls relevant to the z/Series platform is often found to be unclear and inaccurate, thereby not a true reflection of controls in place.

Data centers can take specific actions to improve the z/Series component of the SAS 70 process and the usefulness and accuracy of the related SAS 70 conclusions and reports, thus avoiding expensive and potentially embarrassing delays.

About the Speaker

David Hayes is an Information Systems Auditor for the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He works in their Applied Research and Methods Group, which includes a computer security laboratory with z/Series hardware used for audits and control testing. Mr. Hayes divides his time between auditing controls in federal data centers, contributing to the ongoing audit policy debate and researching/teaching and lecturing on computer control and audit processes. He has over twenty years experience in several information systems disciplines and holds an MBA from the University of Maryland.

About NewEra Software

NewEra Software's Image Control Environment (ICE) helps users extend the security and integrity of their z/OS platform. ICE identifies, documents and reports on changes made to z/OS and its subsystem control points. ICE captures changes in a controlled environment set up by the site to ensure the site conforms to best practices. Notifications of deviations are issued automatically. ICE also helps establish a baseline for z/OS integrity, security and audits. It offers users the opportunity to start their audits with the IODF, the base upon which z/OS is built.

Webcast Information

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Follow-on webcasts addressing specific NewEra Software product solutions will be available in the upcoming weeks. Each attendee will be emailed the slides of Mr. Hayes' presentation along with a list of future webcasts.

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