



## THE SHIELD GROUP, LLC

### CISO-as-a-Service

Our CISO-as-a-Service program offers organizations the ability to hire experienced cybersecurity executives and practitioners to take on the role as Chief Information Security Officer for your business. This allows you to manage your budget, allotting the desired number of hours dedicated each week or month deemed appropriate to maintain costs, while still helping the business meet regulatory, compliance and strategic goals. In the event of an emergency or crisis, we are a phone call away, a trusted member of your management and response team. Now even small and medium sized businesses can afford to have expert cybersecurity guidance and management advice.

The executive in charge of cybersecurity and protecting an organization's technology infrastructure and information assets is the Chief Information Security Officer, or CISO. They help shape an organization's strategy and priorities in defending against cyber-attack, provide subject matter expertise on developing governance programs and policies, guide the selection and implementation of technology solutions that have security implications, and help assess and advise senior management on cyber and technology risk.

Unfortunately, the reality is that not every organization can afford an experienced, board certified, full-time CISO on their management team, and often finding an individual with the right skillsets in the right location is difficult. And frankly, not every company may need a full time CISO. While large Fortune organizations and highly regulated firms that have sufficient funding to staff a dedicated, moderately sized cyber or information security department may be able to fund the compensation requirements for such a role, small and medium business enterprises often do not have such luxuries. This is where The Shield Group can help.

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Perhaps you need a CISO on an interim basis to fill the void from a recently departed leader or as part of a corporate restructuring or realignment to maintain operations, assist with screening and hiring a permanent replacement, and to reassure the Board and shareholders there is continuity of leadership. Perhaps you only require a limited engagement and need assistance in developing a sound cybersecurity strategy and roadmap and can then handle things from there; or maybe you require someone to provide CISO leadership, working with your team for only eight hours a week to provide guidance, manage priorities and provide security input; or you have need for a virtual CISO who is on-call when you need them.

Transitional, Interim, Fractional, Virtual - Regardless of what you call it, The Shield Group can tailor a CISO-as-a-Service solution to fit your specific needs, meet your budget requirements and achieve your cybersecurity expectations.

### **Benefits of Using The Shield Group's CISO-as-a-Service Program**

- Access to world class CISO expertise with Fortune 50 experience to help immediately improve your cybersecurity posture, strategic planning and maturity roadmap.
- A trusted, vendor neutral advisor who is not selling services and who will provide advice based on your organization's risk tolerance.
- You need the service and advice of a highly experienced CISO, but do not need the person full time. You have the ability to tailor the hours and budget committed to the role.
- The CISO-as-a-Service and Virtual CISO offering can provide significant cost savings. It allows your business to match it's needs and budget to daily and weekly evolving cyber security threats, incidents and projects.
- You require someone with experience engaging at the Board and C-Suite level that is able to articulate cyber threats and risks that are facing your organization, and your current cyber maturity risk level, in terms everyone will understand.
- Experience across a wide range of regulatory environments, including banking, financial services, education and healthcare, including Privacy and GDPR.
- You need someone who has a proven track record of building successful information and cybersecurity programs for other organizations to help guide your team so that your organization can



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raise the bar when it comes to cybersecurity protection.

- You need someone who can coach, develop, mentor and train staff and raise their leadership, security, risk management and project management skill sets.

The Shield Group's CISO-as-a-Service can deliver all these things and provide a variety of tailored CISO service offerings for organizations of all sizes.

To learn more, please send us an email using the Contact Form on our Web Site or call us at 877-480-5529.