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STRAFFORD UNDERGOES SOC EXAMINATION

CPA report states Strafford management maintains effective security controls

Londonderry, NH, February 5, 2015 – Strafford Technology, providing consulting services addressing the challenges of Finance Departments with fully supported Business Intelligence (BI) and Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) applications on premise and in the cloud, today announced that the company has undergone a Service Organization Control examination. The resulting CPA’s report states that Strafford Technology LLC management maintained effective controls over the data security of its Managed Application Hosting. The engagement was performed by Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. of Boston, MA.

A SOC report is designed to meet the needs of existing or potential customers who need assurance about the effectiveness of controls at a service organization that are relevant to the security, availability, and processing integrity of the system used by the service organization to process customers’ information, or the confidentiality or privacy of that information.

“We are pleased that our SOC report has shown that we have the appropriate controls in place to mitigate risks related to data security,” said Steve Berry, Strafford’s CEO. “When discussing data security on the cloud we have addressed two key areas of concern: data-in-motion and data-at-rest. Data-in-motion, (sometimes referred to as data-in-use) is information currently being accessed or transmitted. Data-at-rest is all information being stored physically in digital form, which would include all of the information stored on the cloud in volumes (virtual server hard drives).”

The following principles and related criteria have been developed by the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) for use by practitioners in the performance of trust services engagements:

- Security. The system is protected against unauthorized access (both physical and logical).
- Availability. The system is available for operation and use as committed or agreed.
- Processing integrity. System processing is complete, accurate, timely and authorized.
- Confidentiality. Information designated as confidential is protected as committed or agreed.
- Privacy. Personal information is collected, used, retained, disclosed and destroyed in conformity with the commitments in the entity's privacy notice and with criteria set forth in generally accepted privacy principles issued by the AICPA and CICA.

A SOC report is an internal control report on the services provided by a service organization to its customers and provides valuable information that existing and potential customers of the service organization need to assess and address the risks associated with an outsourced service.

Current and prospective customers interested in a copy of our SOC report may contact Strafford Technology at 1-877-STRAFFORD

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Strafford Technology LLC is an Enterprise Performance Management consulting firm. They are a leader in working with the office of the CFO to transform the finance process by streamlining budgeting, forecasting and consolidation functions. Services include EPM and Business Intelligence assessment and implementation, Managed Application Hosting and Staffing.

Strafford was formed in 1995 with corporate offices located in Londonderry, NH and provides services to corporate clients of all sizes, including many of the Fortune 100. They are an SAP and Oracle Platinum partner.

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