

A New Program to Secure Your Supply Chain & Reduce Third-Party Risk

LinkSECURE is a new program for small- to mid-sized vendors and service providers that have limited IT or cyber resources. This program helps companies to mature their own cybersecurity operations by providing hands-on guidance to implement fundamental security safeguards.

How It Works

The LinkSECURE program starts with a guided baseline assessment of the participant's cybersecurity posture. Based on those results, the participant will be led through a step-by-step implementation of critical security controls and safeguards — a prioritized set of defenses to mitigate the most prevalent cyberattacks against systems and networks. The controls are broken down into easy-to-understand, prioritized steps to guide implementation, and they map to most major compliance frameworks and regulations including NIST, ISO, PCI DSS, HIPAA and others. *See information about the controls and safeguards on the next page.*

Dedicated Staff Support

The entire program is guided by regular check-ins with dedicated staff managers to ensure that each participant achieves success from initial assessment through program completion. In addition to providing step-by-step guidance on implementing security controls, success managers will also lead one-on-one and group discussions to further educate teams about cybersecurity.

Progress Reports

RH-ISAC will monitor each LinkSECURE participant and provide regular status reports that track their progress in implementation and compliance with the security controls. The report will include numerous data points including control average score, industry average score, percentage completed, and percentage validated. This progress report will also be shared with the RH-ISAC Core Member who referred the vendor to LinkSECURE.

OVERVIEW

Program Components

- ▶ Initial assessment of cybersecurity posture
- ▶ Step-by-step, guided implementation of critical security controls
- ▶ Regular check-ins with dedicated success managers
- ▶ One-on-one and group discussions about the fundamentals of cybersecurity
- ▶ Library of buildkits, tools, and other resources
- ▶ Curated content from RH-ISAC threat analysts
- ▶ Feedback loop and program tracking with progress status reports

Who Can Join

This program has been designed with third-party vendors and service providers in the retail and hospitality industry in mind. For example:

- Logistics and shipping companies
- Warehouse and fulfillment providers
- Cleaning and maintenance service
- Consulting and staffing partners
- Franchisees
- Print and advertising companies
- Manufacturing companies
- Food and beverage suppliers
- Laundry and linen service suppliers

Cost

\$6,000 per year

Tools & Resources

LinkSECURE participants will have access to the following:

Online Hub: Download tools and resources, plus access interactive community forums to discuss security topics, ask questions, and collaborate with other cybersecurity professionals.

Buildkits: Pre-configured templates/scripts to automate the process of hardening systems according to selected benchmarks.

Tracking & Collaboration Tool: Facilitates collaboration among team members to track and document progress on security control implementation. Enables organizations to tailor assessments to their specific needs and generates detailed reports on security gaps and compliance status.

Assessment Tool: Automatically assess the security posture of systems and networks against industry-recognized security best practices.

Security Controls & Safeguards Overview

CONTROL 01 Inventory & Control of Enterprise Assets A complete picture of your assets	CONTROL 02 Inventory & Control of Software Assets A complete picture of your software landscape	CONTROL 03 Data Protection Protect your most valuable asset: data
CONTROL 04 Secure Configuration of Enterprise Assets & Software Lock down your assets	CONTROL 05 Account Management Take control of your accounts	CONTROL 06 Access Control Management Right user, right access, right time
CONTROL 07 Continuous Vulnerability Management Stay ahead of threats	CONTROL 08 Audit Log Management Track every action	CONTROL 09 Email & Web Browser Protections Protecting your digital front line
CONTROL 10 Malware Defenses Detect and prevent malware infections	CONTROL 11 Data Recovery Ensure business continuity through data recovery	CONTROL 12 Network Infrastructure Management Secure network devices and services
CONTROL 13 Network Monitoring & Defense Threat hunting and response	CONTROL 14 Security Awareness & Skills Training Building a security-savvy workforce	CONTROL 15 Service Provider Management Building trust with your service providers
CONTROL 16 Application Security Software Application security: built-in, not bolted on	CONTROL 17 Incident Response Management Prepared for the unexpected	CONTROL 18 Penetration Testing Test Your defenses