

New security auditing protocol set to improve security management system standards

Sydney, Australia: World-wide standards in asset and personnel security management systems are about to improve dramatically with the launch this week of an internationally recognised Security Management System (SecMS) Auditor Certification Scheme.

The Scheme provides international recognition for auditors who conduct security audits to ensure organizations maintain management systems appropriate to manage security, based on the identification and management of risk.

The Scheme was developed by RABQSA International with Sustainability Pty Ltd and a Scheme Committee of national and international representatives from the security and risk management industry.

Under the Scheme, participants will achieve certification through demonstration of the audit and security-related competencies that have been determined by the SSC. The Scheme is designed to meet the requirements outlined in the International Standard ISO 17024 for competency-based personnel certification.

There are four grades of SecMS auditing certification that participants can achieve: Provisional Auditor, Auditor, Lead Auditor, and Business Improvement Auditor. To achieve certification, participants must demonstrate knowledge, skills, personal attributes and relevant industry experience as outlined in the Certification Requirements.

Peter Holtmann, Director Business Development and Marketing at RABQSA International, welcomed the new certification scheme as the first of its kind that solely focuses on the security industry and improving standards.

“This is the only ISO/IEC 17024 competency-based security auditor certification available in Australia, and we believe, anywhere in the world,” he said.

“The development and implementation of the security management auditor scheme, designed to
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meet industry needs and international standards requirements, will assist companies to align their security management system with international standards, and can provide confidence that the people auditing their systems are competent, certified security auditors."

Jim Truscott, CEO of Truscott Crisis Leaders and Chair of the RABQSA Sub-Scheme Committee for Security outlined the importance of auditing management systems by saying it was firstly essential for all businesses to protect their critical activities with documented security management systems.

"Then being able to audit this system enables management to assure the Board that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure the safety of employees and to protect core business processes that contribute to shareholder value," he said.

Training courses and examination of the defined knowledge requirements for the Scheme will be provided by Perth-based Company, Sustainability Pty Ltd.

The Lead Auditor Security Management Systems training course takes five days.

Tony Webster-Smith, General Manager Sustainability, said the first security management auditor courses would be offered in February 2007.

"We look forward to seeing more and more people from industry achieve Security Management System Auditor status as that can only improve general standards all round," he said.

"And we especially welcome more input from other security experts who can help us to continue to develop the program to include specialty fields such as port or aviation security."

Details on the Security Management System Auditor Scheme are available at
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