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CIP Reliability Standard Pre-Audit Training Workshop

DYONYX, the most experienced firm in the CIP Reliability Standard consulting services business, has developed an exceptional training workshop to prepare our clients for the regional audits. This is not a “mock audit”, but a comprehensive discussion and training workshop with examples that will prepare the electric utility team for upcoming CIP Reliability Standard audits.

Two members of the DYONYX Team, who have actual experience assisting our clients in the preparation for and participation in the audit sessions, conduct the training workshop.

Topics include:

Achieving Compliance

- Understanding & Appreciating the Uniqueness of the CIP Standards
- Knowing What’s Required
- Organizing the Information for Compliance
- Establishing a Strong Regulatory Compliance Program

Preparing for the Audit

- Setting the Stage
- Top Three Things You Can Do
- Political and Regulatory Environment
- CIP Compliance Statistics
- Pre-Documentation (RSAWS)
- More on Documentation

During the Audit - Part 1: General Guidance

- At the Beginning
- Opening Presentations
- Administrator of CIP Compliance
- Interaction with the CIP Auditors
- Do’s & Don’ts

During the Audit - Part 2: What is the Auditor’s Focus

- CIP-002 through CIP-009



The 2-3 day workshop sessions, which are typically customized for each client, are based on our experience having:

- Designed and delivered the curriculum for the NERC Education Workshop for the CIP Reliability Standard across North America;
- Developed the highly regarded functional framework¹ used to facilitate the design and implementation of a compliant Security Program;
- Designed and implemented multiple (from ground up) CIP Reliability Standard compliant Security Programs, many of which recently received “zero deficiency²” results from NERC regional audit events; and
- Provided per-audit support and, representing our clients, participated in intensive on-site audits (of all 43 requirements) from the NERC regional entities.

The deliverables include training session presentation material, evidentiary documentation samples, and a documentation matrix, mapped to the detailed requirements of the CIP Reliability Standard.

The team can additionally provide feedback on customer documentation within the time allotted for the workshop.

Our team, composed of engineers and security experts with an average of 30+ years of electric utility industry and information technology experience, is uniquely qualified to lead electric utility entities through this training endeavor.

We recommend on-site sessions be conducted to allow the client to ask questions, present case issues, and discuss requirements and concerns. For more information, please contact:

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¹ Published in Public Utilities Fortnightly, September 2006; also see Appendix A.

² For the work provided by DYONYX.