

A Better Experience

# **Third Party Risk Management**

Managing risks across an extended enterprise



### THIRD PARTY RISK MANAGEMENT

Use of third parties has increased exponentially extending risks across a complex ecosystem to unprecedented levels that include vulnerabilities and disruptions with potential for adverse impacts on operations, hefty penalties, and immeasurable reputational damage amid customers, investors, and prospects.





of cyber incidents expected to result from third parties



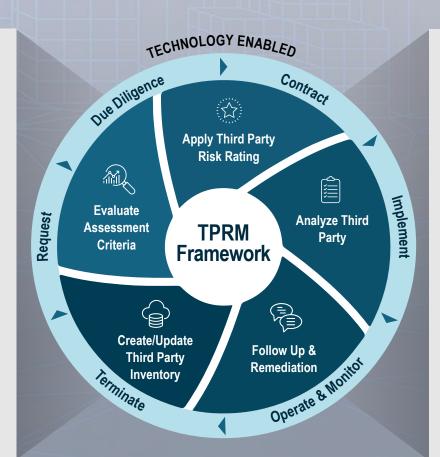
is the cost of a third party failure at a large multinational firm

CrossCountry's third party risk management (TPRM) framework provides a risk-based structure tailor-made to anticipate and mitigate complex risks across the extended organization brought about by third and forth parties to safeguard data, operations, and reputation as well as comply with applicable regulations.

### **OUR FRAMEWORK**

#### **Benefits**

- Comprehensive third party visibility and tiering to best protect assets based on risk
- Standardized processes to manage contracts from request to termination
- Enhanced
   cross-functional
   collaboration through
   the contract lifecycle
- Optimized toolset to streamline vendor evaluation and management



### **Key Considerations**

- Governance & Board Reporting
- ✓ Policies & Procedures
- ✓ Roles & Responsibilities
- Understand Inherent Risk Universe
- Regulatory Compliance
- ✓ Data Safeguarding
- ✓ Resiliency & Availability
- ✓ Optimization & Automation
- ✓ Awareness & Training
- Gap Analysis & Issue Management



### **OUR OFFERINGS**

Our team has deep experience building, assessing, and uplifting TPRM programs driving optimization of tools and technologies to effectively manage our clients' risk exposure and deliver strategic value.



### PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Assess current state, identify gaps, and formulate recommendations, to inform a future state roadmap



### PROGRAM DESIGN & BUILD

Develop a comprehensive TPRM framework with defined enterprise-level criteria and risk tiers



### TECHNOLOGY OPTIMIZATION

Select or optimize technology solutions to drive an efficient and integrated TPRM program



### OUTSOURCED THIRD PARTY PROGRAM

Execute TPRM programs to evaluate prospective and current third parties based on risk and criticality



### SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

Optimize audit requests and due diligence responses to service organization customers

### **EXPERIENCE**



### Case Study: TPRM Framework Uplift for Program Maturity

#### **Client & Challenge**

A publicly traded lending company sought to enhance and mature their TPRM framework and program amid rapid growth and a soaring volume of new third parties, nearly all of which intended to host sensitive data and/or perform critical services.

#### **Approach**

CrossCountry assessed the current state TPRM against leading practices and relevant regulations with a focus on cybersecurity processes and integration with cross functional teams through performance of the below:

- · Reviewed existing third party documentation and interviewed key stakeholders across the enterprise
- Performed a sample of third party assessments under the "current state"
- Gained access to existing technology tools supporting the third party program to understand their capabilities
- Identified program gaps and presented high level thematic observations and recommendations

#### **Success Metrics**

Built consensus on an enhanced TPRM framework and third party risk tiers to foster a risk-based approach to due diligence, point in time and continuous monitoring, fourth-party considerations, issue tracking and remediation, and offboarding. This effort resulted in the following benefits:

- · Matured the third-party risk management program through increased focus on cyber risk
- Eliminated silos and fostered cross-functional team alignment
- Considered impact of other risks (e.g., availability, financial, fraud, reputational, regulatory, vendor lock-in)
- · Optimized existing third-party tool usage to reduce management by spreadsheets
- Aligned processes with best practices, CIS Top 18, and key regulations (e.g., NYDFS, SOX, privacy laws)

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