



# Compliance perspectives on third-party risk

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# Introductions

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# Basics of Third Party Risk Management (“TPRM”)

## Third Party Risk Management

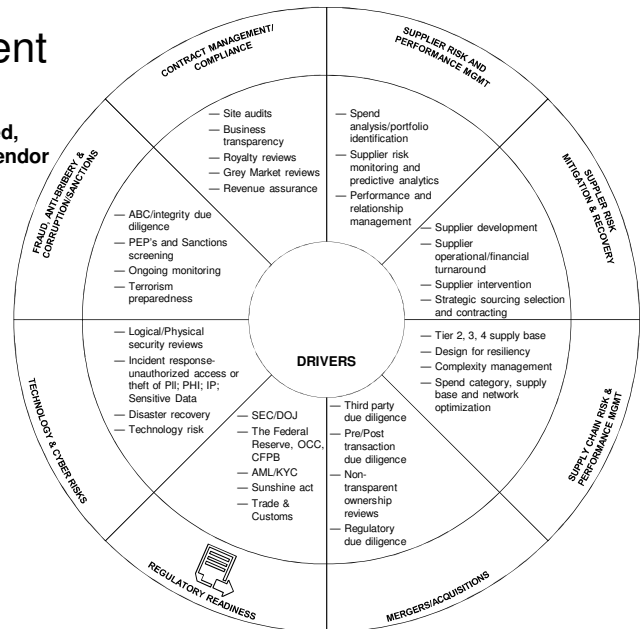
Effective Third Party Risk Management is a coordinated, cross-functional effort and requires integration with Vendor Management, Procurement, and other business units

### Lifecycle Phases:

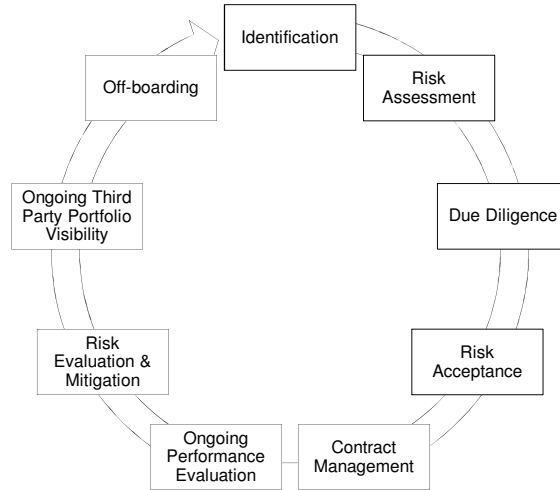
- Identification/Onboarding
- Ongoing Relationship Management
- Offboarding

### Critical elements:

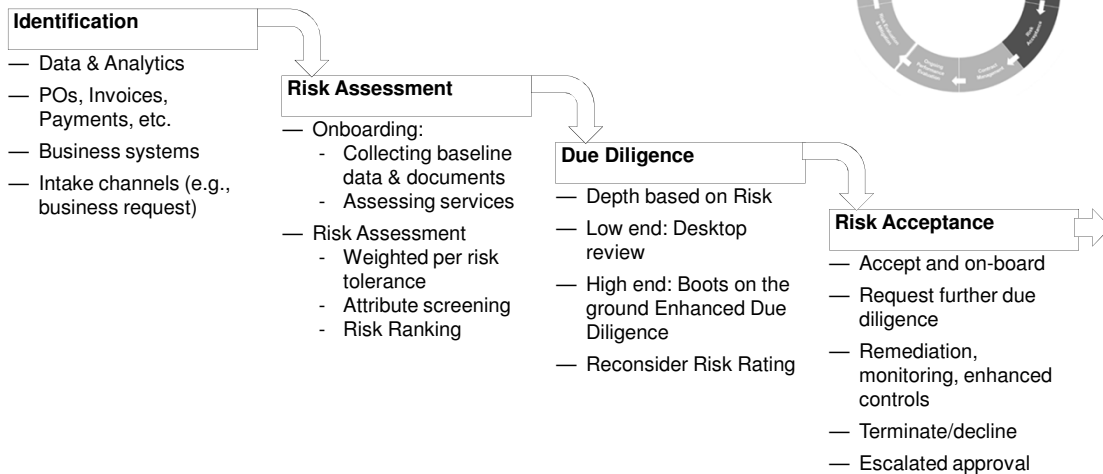
- Strategy
- Governance
- Policies and procedures
- TPRM Process
- Governance
- Information Reporting & Technology



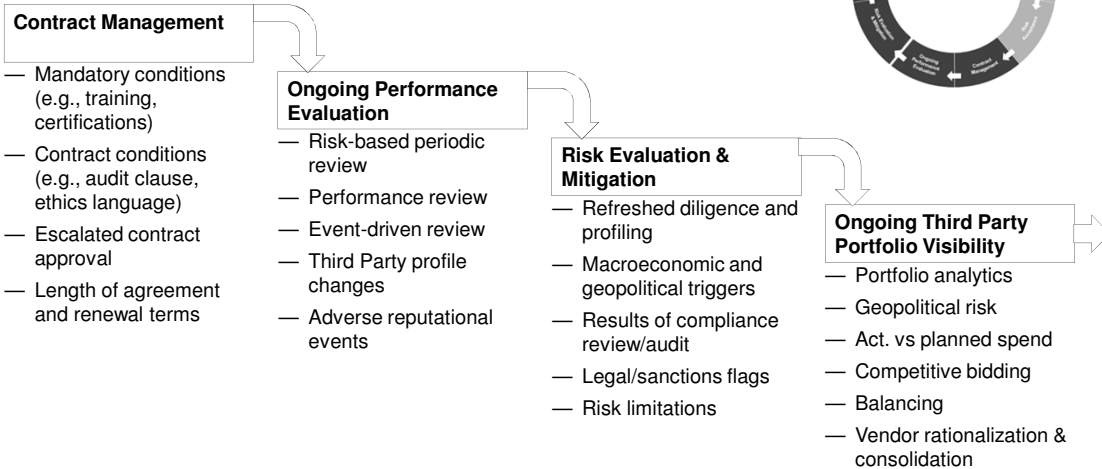
# Elements of a TPRM program



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- Off-boarding**
- Disentanglement
  - Notification of other parties
  - Financial obligations
  - Possession of assets, IP, technology
  - Access control
  - Data destruction
  - Replacement



## Areas of a TPRM Program

### Strategy

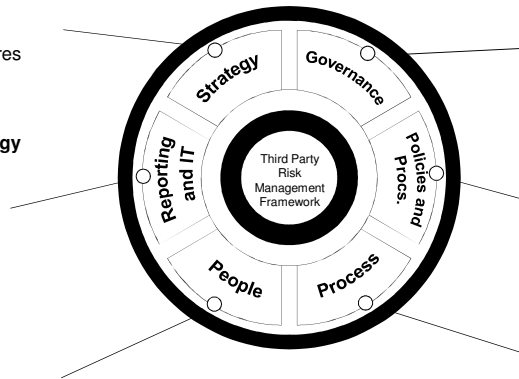
- Mission and objectives
- Align third party use to risk appetite
- Management of operating expenditures
- Where in life cycle is first contact

### Information Reporting and Technology

- Dashboards/reports
- Key risk indicators (KRIs)
- Key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Process automation

### People

- Roles and responsibilities
- Skills and training
- Performance management and Compensation



### Governance

- Oversight committees (i.e., Board, Enterprise Risk Management, Operations Risk)
- Tone and culture
- Group involvement (Procurement, Compliance)

### Policies and Procedures

- Standard setting
- Policy management

### TPRM Process

- Planning
- Risk assessment, due diligence and selection
- Contracting
- Monitoring and Testing
- Renewals
- Off-boarding



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## Third parties and risk

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# What are third parties?

## Third Parties

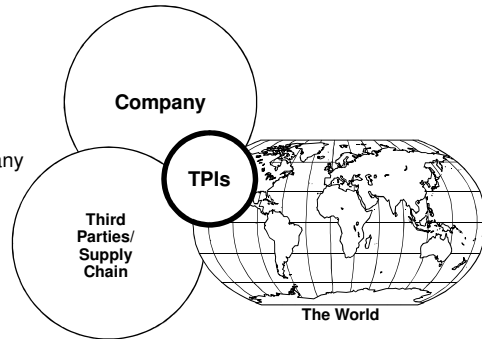
- Broadest, most inclusive term
- Parties not controlled by either the company (First Party) or its customers (Second Party)
- Third parties are effectively the external parties with which a company interacts – Suppliers, Vendors, Licensees, BPOs, Agents, etc.

## Third-party Outside Service Provider (“OSP”)

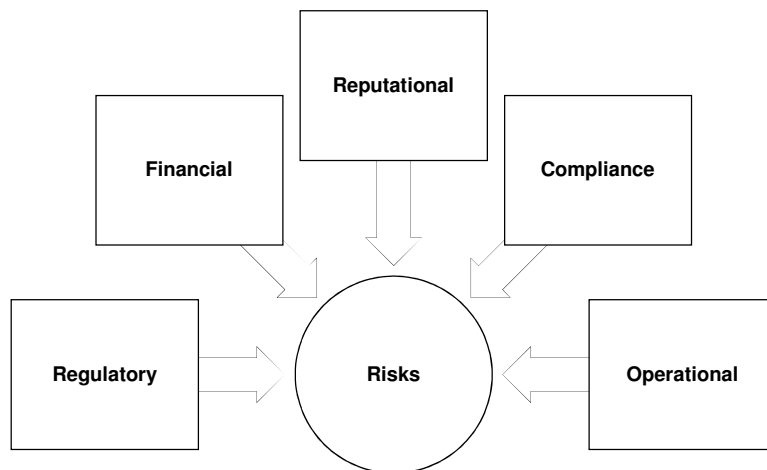
- Definition generally derived from COSO 2013
- Performs functions not central to the company’s core operational purpose

## Third party intermediaries (“TPIs”)

- Third Party Intermediaries are described by the OECD as “a conduit for goods or services offered by a supplier to a consumer”
- TPIs include business partners, distributors, agents, consultants, vendors, dealers, customers, logistics providers, and others



# A view of the risk universe



## Some big picture questions

### Data and privacy

- Who has our employees' data?
- Our customers' data?
- Who has our IP and trade secrets?
- What are they doing with it?
- How are they securing it?

### Geographical / geopolitical

- Who is doing business where?
- Who is doing business with whom?
- Are they obeying local and US laws?
- Are they complying with international

### Brand / reputation / labor laws

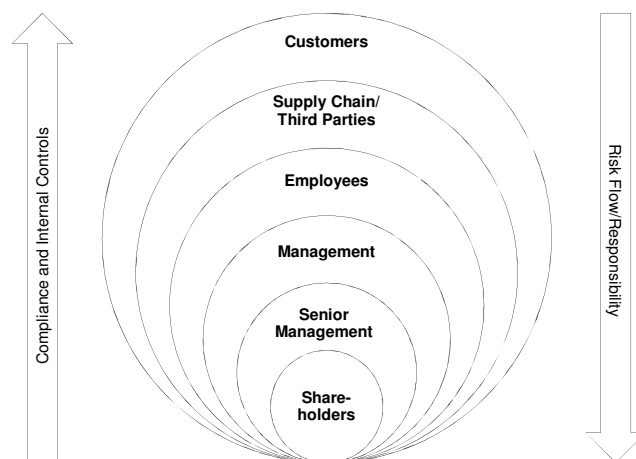
- Who is using our logo and/or represents us?
- Who could be considered our employees?
- Slave labor, forced labor, human rights abuses, etc.
- Labor or environmental practices that, while legal, are undesirable for US companies

### Financial risks

- What happens if they fail to deliver or go out of business?
- Are they overcharging us?
- Are they defrauding us?
- Are they honoring obligations to pay for work/products we receive?
- Are they creating liability or fines we may have to deal with?
- Financial statement accuracy



## You can outsource the process, not the responsibility





# Compliance and Third Party Risk

**Goal of Third Party Risk Management (“TPRM”): Protect the company from risk exposure, harm, loss, damage, etc. by managing third party relationships more effectively**

**How can Compliance help?**

Help identify, mitigate, and avoid risk by:				
Providing checks and balances against the business	Auditing and monitoring of the process	Auditing and monitoring of the suppliers	Providing a regulatory perspective	Providing a risk and risk mitigation perspective



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# TPRM and effective compliance programs

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## Frameworks and lenses

**Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (“COSO”)**

2013 Integrated Internal Control Framework

**United States Sentencing Commission**

Federal Sentencing Guidelines

**US SEC/DOJ**

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act  
FCPA Resource Guide  
Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs (Evaluation Guide)



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## Effective compliance program strategies

Effective compliance program strategies can help companies and personnel tasked with managing risks of fraud, waste, and abuse by focusing efforts on:

**Identifying and understanding potential risk areas**

**Evaluating design and operational effectiveness of compliance controls**

**Leveraging insights and awareness to increase effectiveness of existing compliance activities**

**Applying risk focused approaches to maximize value of investments**

**Setting tone for ethical behavior and achieving high levels of integrity**



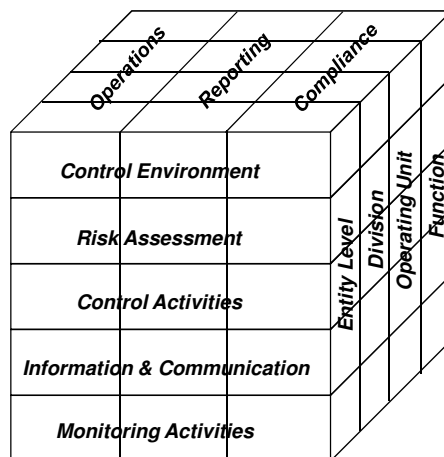
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# COSO

## Five components of the COSO framework



# Control environment

## Control Environment

- Commitment to integrity and ethical values
- Independent board with oversight of internal controls
- Established structures, reporting lines, and authority/responsibility
- Commitment to attract, develop, and retain talent
- Accountability for internal control responsibilities

## Risk Assessment

- Identification and assessment of risks relating to business's objectives
- Identify risks to the achievement of objectives and analyze risks to determine how to manage
- Consider the potential for fraud in assessing risks
- Identify and assess changes that could significantly impact internal controls

## Control Activities

- Control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks
- General control activities over technology
- Deploy controls through policies that establish what is expected and procedures that put policies into action

## Information and Communication

- Obtain and generate relevant information to support the functioning of internal controls
- Internally communicates information, including objectives and responsibilities
- Externally communicates regarding matters affecting the functioning of internal control

## Monitoring Activities

- Evaluate if internal controls are present and functioning
- Evaluate and communicate internal control deficiencies
- Take corrective action, including senior management and the board of directors



# Major Themes

## Role of Third Parties – Who and Why

- Most companies cannot have a perfect, isolated business – third parties are a necessity
- Risk management is an expectation – you must know who they're doing business with and how they're doing it
- Companies need controls around the TPRM cycle: identification, selection, engagement, and monitoring
- Extension of control environment and expectations to third parties and beyond - Contractually, Operationally, from a Compliance perspective, and otherwise

## Connectivity to the business

- A TPRM program can also provide the opportunity to re-evaluate third party relationships in the face of changing risk levels with the third party, or changing risk tolerance or business objectives with the company
- Effective TPRM has synergies with proactive procurement and vendor management – many similar monitoring mechanisms and data efforts
- No employee or group within an organization, or third party, should be seen as "untouchable" – when a company is too beholden to a third party, its ability to execute its control mandates and manage risk is lost



## Major Themes (continued)

### Program elements

- Right to audit clauses and compliance mechanisms are nice to have, but if never utilized they do not mean much
- Anonymous complaint hotlines, accessible to employees, vendors, and customers, are essentially a mandatory compliance and internal control mechanism – and must be taken seriously
- Communication of “Tone at the Top” and company expectations starts internally - often times the business is charged with executing control elements which is not normally their mandate
- Communicating expectations and providing accessible documentation to third parties is necessary
- Third Parties present tremendous Cyber Security and Data Access/Privacy risk and are a common attack vector – strong technology controls are a fact of life
- Design of a program and controls is not enough - companies must evaluate and test controls, including monitoring, post-mortems and feedback loops when issues are identified



# Federal corporate sentencing guidelines

## Federal sentencing guidelines

Section §8B2.1. of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual lays out seven considerations for sentencing of individuals and organizations, by which the effectiveness of an Ethics & Compliance program can be judged.

- **Standards and Procedures** to prevent and detect criminal activity. Typically accomplished through an organization's Code of Conduct.
- **Oversight** from high levels within an organization including company leaders.
- **Education and Training** to facilitate understanding of the company's Code of Conduct and expectations.
- **Auditing and Monitoring** of Ethics and Compliance program systems.
- **Reporting** mechanisms to allow employees and/or other stakeholders to make the organization aware of issues
- **Enforcement and Discipline** for individuals or groups who do not abide by the organization's expectations, enforced consistently.
- **Response and Prevention** related to offenses.



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## Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and SEC/DOJ guidance

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## High-level overview of the FCPA and other laws

### **FCPA Anti-Bribery Provision [15 U.S.C. § 78dd-1 et seq.]**

- A company **and those acting on a company's behalf** may not offer, pay, promise to pay, or authorize the payment of, any money, gift, promise, or anything else of value to a foreign official in order to obtain or retain business, to direct business to a person, or to otherwise secure an improper advantage

### **FCPA Accounting Provisions [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)]**

- Relevant to Public Issuers only, however the requirements are leading practices
- **"Books and Records" Provision**
  - Companies must maintain books and records in reasonable detail and **accurately reflect all transactions**
- **"Internal Controls" Provision**
  - Companies must devise and maintain a system **of internal accounting controls**

### **Other Anti-Bribery and Corruption Statutes**

- Many countries, including the UK, Canada, and Brazil, have anti-corruption laws

### **Third Party Relationships and Activities constitute the majority of US enforcement actions!**



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## 2012 US SEC/DOJ FCPA guide

**Reiterates that the FCPA expressly prohibits corrupt payments made through third parties or intermediaries**

**Guidance recommends that companies reduce FCPA risk with an *effective compliance program, including due diligence of any prospective foreign agents***

### **Covers common red flags associated with third parties**

- Excessive commissions or discounts to third-party agents, consultants, or distributors
- Vague or unspecific third party agreements
- Third parties seemingly in a different line of business than the intended services
- Related or closely associated with, or included at the request of, a foreign official
- Third parties are offshore/shell companies, or request payment to offshore accounts

### **Specifies that third party Due Diligence should be risk-based**

- Qualifications, reputation, and business rationale for using a third party
- Relationships with government officials
- Third party relationships should be monitored on an ongoing basis



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## Point of view on compliance programs

### The 2012 Guidance asks three basic questions

- “Is the company’s compliance program well designed?”
- “Is it being applied in good faith?”
- “Does it work?”

### The 2012 Guidance provides the “Hallmarks of Effective Compliance Programs”

- Commitment from Senior Management and a Clearly Policy Against Corruption
- Code of Conduct and Compliance Policies and Procedures
- Oversight, Autonomy, and Resources
- Risk Assessment
- Training and Continuing Advice
- Incentives and Disciplinary Measures
- **Third-Party Due Diligence and Payments**
- Confidential Reporting and Internal Investigation
- Continuous Improvement: Periodic Testing and Review
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Pre-Acquisition Due Diligence and Post-Acquisition Integration



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## Point of view on compliance programs (continued)

### In 2017, the Fraud Section of the US Department of Justice published its Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs (“Evaluation Guidance”)

- Analysis and Remediation of Underlying Misconduct
- Senior and Middle Management
- Autonomy and Resources
- Policies and Procedures (Design and Accessibility; Operational Integration)
- Risk Assessment
- Training and Communications
- Confidential Reporting and Investigation
- Incentives and Disciplinary Measures
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## Point of view on compliance programs (continued)

### The Evaluation Guidance section on Third Party Management contains four areas

- Risk-Based and Integrated Processes
  - Whether the TPRM process corresponds to the company's risk levels
  - How the company has integrated TPRM into procurement and vendor management
- Appropriate Controls
  - Business rationale for using the third parties
  - Mechanisms for ensuring the contract terms are accurate, services provided, and payment terms and compensation are reasonable and appropriate
- Management of Relationships
  - How the company considered the third party's "incentive model" compared to compliance risks, and whether compliance and ethical behavior was incentivized
  - How the third party was monitored
  - Did the relationship managers understand the compliance risks and how to manage
- Real Actions and Consequences
  - Were red flags identified in Due Diligence? How were they resolved
  - Have other similar third parties been suspended, terminated, or audited
  - How has the company monitored termination and blacklisting



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## Top third-party risks

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### **Insufficient diligence in new relationships**

- Multiple frameworks, and the US Department of Justice, stipulate that companies should perform due diligence on third parties, and that diligence must be risk based
- Companies manage risk and reduce likelihood of regulatory action by making third party due diligence insightful, procedural, thorough, and predictable.

### **Viewing risk in silos vs. integrating risks**

- Integrating, standardizing, and centralizing third party risk management is hard
  - Companies often grow through acquisition - incompatible systems
  - Integration and tools can be potentially expensive
  - Geographical dispersion and diversity of operating units/businesses
- Separating functions results in a decentralized, siloed approach seldom improves risk mitigation
- Governing and defining third party risk is most efficient and effective when risk management functions are integrated for a more robust impact



## Top third-party risks (continued)

### **Absence of ongoing risk monitoring**

- If you choose not to monitor risk, your only strategy is to react when risks arise – this is neither Compliance nor a Program, and you lose the ability to take control of dangerous situations and/or minimize damage
- Initial diligence and onboarding alone provide a false sense of security as relationships and risk factors change
- Cyber and FCPA issues are well publicized, but less egregious non-compliance by well-intentioned and qualified third parties should also be monitored, can arise after onboarding, and are usually invisible from 30k feet

### **Insufficient safeguards for third parties**

- Effective internal information security practices may prove inadequate for managing third party risk – today's marketplace is digitized, and their security issues are your security issues
- Lax posture towards third party data security, making blanket decisions rather than thoughtful determinations

### **A "paper program" may not keep you safe**

- A well-designed, well-documented program may not be enough without an adequate system of execution
- A TPRM solution might have all the right features and still be a "paper program" – program elements not effective
- Accessing "below the surface" data and evaluating execution can be challenging in initial diligence, but will yield better returns in the long run





# In summary

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## In summary...

**A risk-based TPRM program protects the organization, and helps ensure that the third party network stands as an ongoing benefit to the organization, not an imminent danger**

**Third party risk management is a critical part of an effective compliance program, which many standards (DOJ, Federal Sentencing Guidelines, COSO, etc.) describe as having key elements in common**

**A TPRM platform/solution can change the game for your organization, but must be accompanied by integration, design, execution, and investment in changing the way a company does business – no silver bullets**

**A TPRM program, and the necessary Compliance and operational discipline that go into making the program effective, can likely save a company money, and avoid downstream difficulties and damage**

**If your third party universe is huge and has grown with no governance, you can still start by starting – do some vendor segmentation and get started on the highest risk groups - risk may be a driver a vendor rationalization**

**You can outsource a process but you cannot outsource responsibility**



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