Compliance perspectives on third-party risk

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Introductions
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
- Information Reporting & Technology
Elements of a TPRM program

Identification
- Data & Analysis
- POs, Invoices, Payments, etc.
- Business systems
- Intake channels (e.g., business requests)

Due Diligence
- Onboarding:
  - Collecting baseline data & documents
  - Assessing services
  - Weighted per risk tolerance
  - Attribute screening
  - Risk-ranking
  - Accept and onboard
  - Request further due diligence
  - Remediation, monitoring, enhanced controls
  - Terminate/decline
  - Escalated approval

Risk Acceptance
- Depth based on risk assessment
- Low end: Desktop review
- High end: Boots on the ground Enhanced Due Diligence

Risk Evaluation & Mitigation
- High-level periodic review
- Performance review
- Event-driven review
- Third-party profile changes
- Adverse regulatory events

Ongoing Performance Evaluation
- Risk-based periodic review
- Performance review
- Event-driven review
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Ongoing Third Party Portfolio Visibility
- Act vs planned spend
- Competitive bidding
- Balancing
- Vendor rationalization & consolidation
Elements of a TPRM program (continued)

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

Areas of a TPRM Program

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

- Policy and Procedures
  - Standard setting
  - Policy management

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

Third parties and risk
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 employee's data?
— Our customer's 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 are legal, but 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?

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TPRM and effective compliance programs
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)

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
Five components of the COSO framework

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 the achievement of 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
- Develop 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, often internally – otherwise 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 loop when issues are identified

Federal corporate 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/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 offense.
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and SEC/DOJ guidance

High-level overview of the FCPA and other laws

- 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 Control" Provision
    - Companies must design 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!

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 their FCPA risk with an effective compliance program, including due diligence of any prospective foreign agents
- Covers common red flags associated with third parties
  - Excessive commission or discount to third party agents, consultants, or distributors
  - Vague or unspecific third party agreements
  - Third parties appearing 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
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

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
— Continuous Improvement: Periodic Testing and Review
— Third Party Management
— Mergers and Acquisitions

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
  — 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
  — Has the company reviewed termination and blacklisting
Top third-party risks

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

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...

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, COGO, 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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