

Blue Hill Announces Compliance with SSAE 16 Type 2 Standards

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Blue Hill Data Services is pleased to announce that it completed its standards examination process on February 28, 2012 to successfully obtain a SSAE 16 Type 2 (formerly SAS 70 Type 2) for its facility in Pearl River, NY. SSAE 16 Type 2 (formerly SAS 70 Type 2) provides better alignment with international standards and requires a written assertion from management on the design and operating effectiveness of the data center controls.



What Are These Examination Standards For?

The SAS 70 (Statement on Auditing Standards No. 70) was originally issued by the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) in 1992. The purpose of the SAS 70 report was to allow a service organization to have an examination of its internal controls performed on a periodic basis which could then be provided to its many customers. This allowed for examiners to gain assurance over controls at the service organization (or in Blue Hill Data Services' case, hosted data center services) while freeing the service organization to focus on running their business.

SSAE 16 (Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16) was created with the intention of bringing the United States up to code with the International Standards for Assurance Engagements, as well as to address a number of important areas which were not covered by the traditional SAS70 report. By replacing the old SAS 70, the SSAE 16 is now the authoritative guidance for reporting on service organizations.

Why Do These Examination Standards Matter?

By participating in the SSAE 16 Type 2 (formerly SAS 70 Type 2) examination, Blue Hill Data Services can assure its customers that its data center operations maintain the required controls. The examination looks at Blue Hill Data Services' processes, policies, procedures, and operational activities and validates everything is performing at optimal standards regarding security, availability, and operating integrity.

Participation in the examination also helps to demonstrate compliance with particular legal regulations that may be required by some customers. Many organizations, such as those that are publicly traded, involved with medical and payroll processing, or providers of financial services reporting, have a legal requirement to demonstrate SSAE 16 examination compliance from their service providers. Our SSAE examination compliance allows us to appropriately support these particular customers.

"Our annual completion of the SSAE 16 Type 2 examination is important for Blue Hill Data Services. We are committed to providing our customers with proven services that are cost effective, and our completion of this rigorous examination exemplifies that commitment," said John Lalli, COO and Managing Director. "It also supports Blue Hill Data Services' position as the leading Tier-2 data center solution provider, with all of our services being provided within the United States of America. We are proud to continue to take the necessary steps to support our customers' business goals."

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