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federal controls compliance

BUSINESS BENEFITS

Combining the power of Approva's BizRights platform with Momentum's functional strength provides federal agencies:

- Cost-effective, sustainable
 A-123 and FFMIA compliance
- _ Streamlined audit processes
- Reduced exposure to mistakes, fraud, and inefficiencies
- On-demand compliance testing for new software releases, including Momentum
- Key preventative and detective controls, further strengthening financial and operational control environments
- The integration of Momentum with Approva's BizRights platform allows you to take an enterprise approach to controls monitoring working with multiple applications across a variety of ERP platforms with Momentum at the core. Agencies can test new software releases on demand instead of waiting for the next audit cycle.

ACHIEVING PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

Recent OMB Circular A-123 updates increase the rigor of federal agency control requirements. Compliance can be both time-consuming and challenging, while overburdening agency budgetary resources. To address growing internal controls scrutiny, CGI and Approva have teamed to offer an automated continuous controls monitoring (CCM) and audit solution that combines the market leading Approva BizRights® CCM Platform with CGI's Authorizations Insight for Momentum®.

Business challenge: A-123 compliance for federal agencies

The 2006 Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-123 revisions require a deep and comprehensive approach to federal internal controls management and specifically increase requirements to assess and assure the reliability of financial reporting.

Compliance can be challenging since agencies typically have little or no visibility into their existing internal controls and still rely heavily upon manual testing and reporting. This makes it time consuming and costly to provide the right information in the annual Performance and Accountability Report (PAR). Agencies using Momentum® operate software that enforces internal control compliance. With the increased government scrutiny under A-123, agencies require an associated increase in active monitoring and auditing of these internal controls to manage and report on compliance.

Solution overview

CGI's Authorizations Insight for Momentum, acting in concert with Approva BizRights, enables federal agencies to develop controls designed to prevent and detect material misstatements in financial statements and continuously test whether their internal controls are functioning as designed. During the controls evaluation process, agency management teams can quickly gather evidence regarding how each internal control was applied, the consistency with which it was applied, and who applied it.

With its cross-platform, cross-application, cross-instance operations, Approva BizRights works with Momentum to strengthen federal agencies' efforts to automate controls monitoring and implement continuous audit processes across their financial management and legacy systems.



Business solutions through information technology®



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Key differentiators

- Independent platform enables true third-party analysis and testing of ERP controls across multiple applications
- Both detective and preventative controls monitoring for segregation of duties (SoD) analysis from user and role provisioning all the way to transaction monitoring for detection of possible failures
- Based on highly scalable, non-invasive enterprise architecture and the emerging standard assurance platform for the external audit community

Unique Capabilities

With Authorizations Insights for Momentum, agencies can eliminate manual internal control reviews and gain greater visibility into user transactions in Momentum while interfacing with e-Gov or other legacy systems. Federal-specific capabilities include:

- _ Ability to address the full range of control monitoring mandates and compliance issues for OMB Circular A-123—meeting even the tightest audit deadlines and developing sustainable compliance processes
- _ Automated monitoring of user activity and sensitive transactions—through automated controls monitoring and proactive alerts, such as e-mail notification to managers when new issues are uncovered and alerts to federal management teams when violations occur
- Fast implementation through pre-configured best practice rules and content—including a rich library of pre-defined and customizable business rules, reports, and alerts, allowing for quick set-up without deep ERP expertise or assistance from security managers
- _ Cross-application analysis—analyzing SoD violations and user activity across financial systems, ERP and legacy applications for an enterprise view of internal controls
- Streamlined audit preparation—documenting all remediation activities to satisfy regulatory, security, and audit requirements, violations uncovered, and remediation actions

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CORPORATE PROFILE

CGI

At CGI, we're in the business of satisfying clients. For 30 years, we've operated based upon the principles of owning clients' problems and delivering quality services to solve them. We define success by exceeding expectations and helping clients achieve business results. A leading IT and business process services provider, backed by the resources and best practices of a global organization that is almost 25,000 strong, we have partnered with more than 100 agencies to generate comprehensive financial statements, achieve clean audits, and set new standards for excellence in federal financial performance.

Approva

Approva is the leading provider of continuous controls monitoring and audit software. We enable business, finance, IT and audit professionals to automate the on-demand testing, closed-loop remediation and continuous, exception based monitoring of controls within and across their business systems. Global companies and governments rely on Approva to reduce compliance risk, increase operational efficiency and flag exceptions to their business controls. Our customers use our products daily to support audits by the "big four" and regional audit firms.

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