NERC CIP Compliance Management

Deep knowledge and proven expertise in OT/IT compliance best practices

NERC CIP Compliance audits are large events, often requiring months of preparation, significant disruptions in staff resources at multiple levels, and potentially high costs for execution or penalties. Although many vendors focus on audit preparation services, BRIDGE offers a solution set that spans the CIP compliance lifecycle. Our subject matter experts shepherd utilities through each and every phase of NERC CIP compliance, keeping them focused on practical compliance processes and sustainable compliance practices.

- **NERC CIP Solution Team** – BRIDGE’s solution teams are led by subject matter experts with the most up-to-date NERC CIP standards and compliance experience available. They bring experience in policy, process and methodology best practices proven to accelerate NERC CIP program rollout timeframes and to mitigate risks. BRIDGE’s goal for each client is full preparedness for potential audit activity, as well as the development of security policies and practices which are repeatable and sustainable for the organization going forward.

- **NERC CIP Expert Services** – BRIDGE can provide individual resources to augment a client’s staff from entry-level engineers to highly experienced, CXO-level practitioners focused on NERC CIP. All have documented utility industry experience with utility IT/OT environments and understand the issues and vernacular of the business. From enterprise policy creation to technical process writing, BRIDGE has the right resources to augment a client’s in-house NERC CIP team.

We rely on BRIDGE’s NERC CIP subject matter experts to manage the day-to-day change management required to improve and support our compliance efforts, including audit support and an ongoing mitigation plan.

IT Director, Real-time Systems
Large Midwest Utility

BRIDGE can help at any point within the Compliance Life Cycle

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Direct Energy
Dominion
GSOC
TVA
VELCO
Western Electricity Coordinating Council
Achieve and Maintain Compliance Under NERC CIP

BRIDGE NERC CIP Solution teams have the most up-to-date knowledge and expertise regarding compliance management and deep industry/technology expertise across the spectrum of Operational Technology (OT) and Information Technology (IT). BRIDGE leverages its proven methodologies to quickly assess the current situation, identify key gaps, build a prioritized roadmap and execute a comprehensive implementation plan. Our holistic approach is focused on achieving defensible compliance for NERC Audits while avoiding over-commitment on manageable risks. Industry leading utilities turn to BRIDGE for the following NERC CIP Services:

### Strategy and Program Development
- NERC CIP Process and Program gap assessments
- BES Cyber Asset/System Identification & Categorization Methodologies
- Policy, process and procedure development
- Compliance Roadmap and Implementation plans

### Program Execution Support
- Compliance review workshops to gauge preparedness
- Quarterly reporting program creation and management
- Documentation development and review

### Audit Preparation and Support
- Audit preparation and witness support
- Mock audits
- Post Audit Review, Compliance sustainment

### Training
- Executives – training to understand general NERC CIP issues
- Practitioners – focused training on version changes, key topics

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**BRIDGE’s proven Enterprise Methodology** is a comprehensive and integrated suite of methods, blueprints and templates to implement application upgrades and integrations, in addition to performing strategic assessments, developing strategy and evaluating vendor products. BRIDGE’s technology agnostic and vendor neutral approach enables utilities to work with various application vendors under a uniform set of standards, thereby reducing risk and bringing transparency across all initiatives of the organization. The methodology has been applied repeatedly and has evolved to best address utility industry needs.