



A SysTrust service is an assurance service designed to increase the comfort of management, customers and business partners with the systems that support a business or particular activity.

The AIPCA has developed a set of professional assurance and advisory services based on a common set of core principles and criteria. These services can only be provided by a Certified Public Accountant who is specifically licensed to provide this service.

Under these standards, one of our independent, objective, knowledgeable CPA's will perform tests of the subject matter in order to form an opinion or to report on either management's assertion or the subject matter to which the assertion relates.

The SysTrust service defines a system as being made up of five main components:

Data

The information used and supported by a system, including transaction streams, files, databases, and tables

Infrastructure

The physical and hardware components, including facilities, mainframes, servers, networks and related components

People

The personnel involved in the system's operations and use, including programmers, operators, users, and management

Procedures

The programmed and manual procedures supporting system operation, including back-up, maintenance, and data entry

Software

The programs and operating software, including operating systems, utilities, business applications, and financial systems

The increased use of technology, the increased use of third-party service providers for significant components of information processing systems, and the advent of new technologies have created more complex systems and new business processes to increase productivity and efficiency. With the more complex systems and processes issues of trustworthiness, such as reliability, privacy and security, have become increasingly more important to business.

Our Trust Services help our clients differentiate themselves from their competitors by demonstrating that you are attuned to the risks of the business environment and have implemented the controls that will address those risks. The potential beneficiaries of Trust Services are anyone who in some way will rely on electronic commerce and IT systems.

A SysTrust engagement will provide answers about critical system issues. A SysTrust opinion (report) is delivered in an easy-to-understand report that can be shared with customers, business partners, and any other interested party. Companies can tailor the engagement to meet their specific needs.

The "System" may apply to a range of operations and business processes, from a personal-computer-based payroll application with only one user to a multi-application, multi-computer banking system that has virtually unlimited users within and outside the organization.

A SysTrust engagement tests whether a system is reliable when measured against four essential principles: availability, security, integrity and maintainability. Because the SysTrust framework is scalable, organizations have the flexibility to choose any or all four standards for verification. An opinion (report) can be rendered on all four standards indicating the overall reliability of the system or an opinion may be rendered on an individual standard.



Call us today to learn more about
this service and how Trust Services can enhance your business and credibility.

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