

## The Client

Headquartered in Covington, LA, SCP PoolCorp (PoolCorp) has more than 2,000 employees, 150 locations and 40,000 wholesale customers worldwide. SCP is part of a distribution network that leads the pack as the world's largest wholesale distributor of swimming pool supplies, equipment and related leisure products. SCP's inventory includes a diverse range of products, from construction materials, replacement parts and fencing to pool care products and spas. SCP offers a continuously expanding roster of products to its wholesale distributors. There are presently more than 100,000 national brand and private label products in its network's inventory.

## The Challenge

PoolCorp's Internal Audit (IA) department wanted to begin performing information technology, (IT) audits to expand their risk management coverage. In 2002, the IA staff did not include an IT Auditor. Further, a risk-based IT audit plan had not been developed for several years. This created a lack of understanding as to what technologies or IT processes presented the highest level of risk to the organization.

As PoolCorp IA Executives began to search for a co-source partner, they looked for a partner that was truly knowledgeable in IT risks; has a solid audit methodology in place; could immediately establish a high-degree of credibility with the IT department; and a firm that delivered a work product that was of high quality and could be relied upon.

Securance Consulting was selected.

## Securance's Solution

Securance Consulting was initially engaged as a co-source partner in 2002. Over the past several years, Securance has executed the following projects on behalf of PoolCorp's IA department:

- Application Review – performed a review of an industry specific application and identified a number of high-risk items that have subsequently been addressed or mitigated.
- Network Penetration – executed a controlled penetration test against their external network.



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and hands-on  
...completed the  
work in a timely and  
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*- Director of Information  
Technology*

- Database Security Review – due to the number of internally-developed database-driven applications... Securance performed a database-specific security review and worked with the IT team to remediate high-risk vulnerabilities. Additionally, the Securance team transferred knowledge to IT personnel responsible for database security to enable a sustained database security program.
- Sarbanes-Oxley – implemented the entire SOX 404 IT program. Identified the 'key' controls, assisted in the design of controls, performed design and effectiveness testing and provided remediation assistance. Securance's work has been relied upon by the external audit firm since 2004.
- Select IT Process Reviews – performed reviews and recommended improvements to the change management, user termination and disaster recovery processes.

Securance remains a critical component of PoolCorp's Internal Audit organization. The staff Securance has provided to PoolCorp have been considered employees of PoolCorp because of the timelines and quality of services delivered since 2002.



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