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New Software Automates Capture of DIACAP Information

Dynetics AssuredCompliance suite now available, automating end-to-end DIACAP process and cutting cybersecurity C&A services costs by 70 percent or more

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla., August 18, 2009 – Dynetics Inc., a 35-year provider of high-quality, high-value technology solutions to the U.S. government and other sectors, announced today the availability of the third product in its Dynetics AssuredCompliance™ suite of products for automating the Department of Defense Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP). Dynetics AssuredCompliance *Interrogator* is a new web-based software solution that provides DIACAP certification and accreditation (C&A) teams with an intuitive question-and-answer approach to assessing DoD information systems' compliance with the 90 percent and more of DODI 8500.2 information assurance (IA) controls that involve human capture of cybersecurity information, verification of required documentation and evaluation of regulatory and local policies and procedures, as well as personnel-related controls.

Interrogator joins *Knowledge Manager* and *Investigator* as members of the Dynetics AssuredCompliance suite of solutions, which automates the end-to-end DIACAP process, reduces by 70 percent or more the time and cost associated with current manual approaches to managing C&A and provides real-time, enterprisewide visibility into C&A status. Dynetics AssuredCompliance products are now available standalone or in integrated combinations.

One-of-a-kind approach to C&A automation

Dynetics AssuredCompliance *Interrogator* intuitively guides C&A team members step-by-step to discover the information, documentation and other evidence they need to assess compliance with the full set of DODI 8500.2 IA controls. *Interrogator* prompts users with detailed observation steps that must be accomplished to complete the evaluation process. This creates a standardized, consistent and reproducible compliance evaluation. *Interrogator* also connects individual non-compliance findings directly to 8500.2 controls and produces XML-formatted data that can be pulled into Dynetics AssuredCompliance *Knowledge Manager* where system owners, IA managers and

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others involved in the C&A process can manage scorecards and plans of action and milestones (POA&Ms), as well as dynamically generate comprehensive DIACAP accreditation packages.

“When we set out a few years ago to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of C&A teams by automating the DIACAP process,” said Dr. Marc Bendickson, Dynetics CEO, “we recognized that improving compliance testing was a key part of the process because of the amount of manual labor involved. With *Interrogator’s* unique approach to capturing information required for a full evaluation of DIACAP compliance, C&A teams can perform compliance assessments more effectively than before.”

“Because assessing compliance with more than 90 percent of 8500.2 controls requires the keen eye of IA experts,” said Don Faint, manager of Dynetics’ cybersecurity division, “we developed a tool that transfers that expertise to C&A team members. As a result, they can complete comprehensive DIACAP compliance testing in much less time and with fewer hassles.”

Faint added, “Just as there is software that automates tax form preparation, there is now a tool that automates and simplifies collection and management of compliance test information.”

Data-centric approach to C&A

Dynetics AssuredCompliance *Interrogator*, as does the full suite of products, employs a proven approach to information assurance (IA) centered on the most effective use of C&A data, Dynetics AssuredCompliance brings compliance test data from multiple sources into a single, authoritative database available to all C&A stakeholders, then uses automated technologies to drive this data throughout DIACAP workflows. System owners, certifying and accrediting authorities and C&A teams using Dynetics AssuredCompliance receive the following benefits, among others:

- C&A steps that previously required months to complete are now completed automatically, including creation of DIACAP scorecards, POA&Ms and accreditation reports
- Enterprisewide visibility into C&A status is dynamically available to decision makers
- Organizations previously unable to complete C&A for all systems or address unfunded mandates now can use freed-up time and resources to achieve these important goals
- 70% or more of current costs required for a primarily manual C&A approach can be avoided

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Suite of solutions for end-to-end DIACAP support

Dynetics AssuredCompliance products can be used as standalone or integrated solutions:

- Dynetics AssuredCompliance Knowledge Manager is a powerful web-based solution for organizing, using and disseminating C&A information throughout the C&A process. Developed to automate DIACAP workflows, *Knowledge Manager* serves as the authoritative, enterprisewide C&A database and provides role-based access to powerful capabilities for managing the entire DIACAP lifecycle.
- Dynetics AssuredCompliance Investigator is a vulnerability scanning management solution that “wraps around” network and local host scanning tools, thereby enabling compliance testers to manage multiple scanning tools, then view and analyze disparate results data in a single, common XML format.
- Dynetics AssuredCompliance Interrogator is a question-and-answer-based solution that successfully guides C&A teams through assessments of systems’ compliance with DIACAP controls that can only be assessed through human capture of security-related information, verification of required documentation, and evaluation of regulatory and local policies and procedures. When coupled with *Knowledge Manager*, *Investigator* and *Interrogator* enable a data-centric approach to DIACAP compliance.

Dynetics made this announcement during the LandWarNet Conference, which is being held August 18-20, at the Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County (Fla.) Convention Center. Dynetics is located in booth #1605. Visit <http://assuredcompliance.dynetics.com> for more details on these products.

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