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Business Solutions Group has provided hundreds of firms on America's West Coast and Asia with industry leading Managed IT Services for over 18 years. Our mission is to partner with our clients to provide solutions that align with their business initiatives and deliver tangible ROI (Return on Investment).

Our Winter 2009 Newsletter is meant to provide relevant information regarding the IT sector for our clients, partners and prospective clients. We hope you find it informative and useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime with any question.

[Accelerated Depreciation: Act Now to Take Advantage of IRS's Stimulus Package Expiring 2009](#)

Accelerated Depreciation is an important concept for business owners to understand. While it is fairly complicated, and the details and tax implications should be left to a tax professional, stakeholders should have an understanding of accelerated depreciation and how you can save on taxes by using it.

With the end of 2009 rapidly approaching the opportunity window to reap the benefits of this amazing program is quickly shrinking. If your company has slotted any capital technology investments the time to act is now. Contact Business Solutions Group today to learn more.



Security Spotlight – Are You Aware of Security Legislation? You Should be!

Unfortunately ignorance of legislation is not a affirmative defense when it comes to the responsibly of businesses to safeguard sensitive information. In these days of identity theft running wild there is a big push for all business entities to protect employee, vendor and customer information. Federal and state governments have all passed legislation that puts the burden of security due diligence on individual businesses. Credit card companies have also issued security standards that are an element of the contracts businesses enter into when they issue credit cards.

Luckily compliance with security standards is not too much of a challenge for any size of business to achieve. Business Solutions Group has developed a formal audit process that will help with compliance and supply the required documentation to prove you are in compliance.

We are offering 20% off Business Solutions Group Security Audits when they are scheduled before the end of the year. Please contact with us any questions about the standards or our processes.

Information Technology Education – Crossing the Threshold: Peer-to-Peer VS Client-Server Networks

Many small business networks are grown in an organic fashion using Peer-to-Peer Networking. As the company grows workstations are added in an ad hoc way with little strategic planning. This occurs for many reasons but the common culprit is the overwhelming responsibility of handling day-to-day operations. Another factor is that most small to mid size companies use technology as a critical success factor but technology planning and implementation is not a core competency.

Peer-to-Peer networks are great for a small business under 10 stations that do not use advanced software requiring a server. Once a business exceeds 10 stations stakeholders are at a critical threshold decision. Peer-to-Peer networks do not provide a viable infrastructure that would otherwise enable efficient operations and IT management due diligence. For example; a Peer-to-Peer network does not provide for a viable backup strategy because it is necessarily decentralized whereas Client-Server architecture is centralized and does allow for a viable backup strategy.

Please contact the Microsoft Certified consultants at Business Solutions with any questions.

Business Solutions Group Awarded Top IT Consultancy by US Commerce Association

WASHINGTON D.C., June 8, 2009 -- Business Solutions Group Corporation has been selected for the 2009 Best of Award in the Computer Related Consulting Services category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).



The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2009 USCA Award Program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

Product Spotlight

Business Solutions Group Technology Monitoring Service

We pride ourselves as being one of the rare Managed IT Services firms that hold customer service as paramount to our technical expertise. One tool we use is a monitoring system that enables us to be a better business partner by having a 24/7/365 view of clients IT infrastructure. We can get alarms for anything from a hiccup to a server crash. Business Solutions Group collaborates with our clients to develop standard operating procedures for dealing with any eventuality.

General Monitoring Service Capabilities Include:

- ✓ Patch management and customizable remote commands
- ✓ Near real-time polling minimizes downtime and surprises
- ✓ Improve your I.T. budgeting accuracy using reliable data
- ✓ Automated "snapshots" capture detailed diagnostics
- ✓ Anti-virus, back-up, update, change & Exchange monitoring

Please contact Business Solutions group with questions.

Offsite Backup

Offsite data backup has quickly become the preferred data redundancy solution in the IT Services field. Antiquated methods have required expensive and labor intensive taped or external disk backup that is prone to failure (either media or human). Business Solutions Group receives calls weekly from desperate companies seeking help recovering their data because they assumed their backup scheme was working when it wasn't. Several backup solutions exist that are affordable and greatly mitigate traditional failure points.