Methodology:
Telos Corporation commissioned independent market research agency Vanson Bourne to conduct the 2020 audit fatigue research. Conducted during July and August 2020, the study surveyed 300 IT security professionals from U.S. organizations with 1,000 or more employees across the private sector, including financial services, IT technology and telecoms, energy, and others. All interviews were conducted using a rigorous multi-level screening process to ensure that only suitable candidates were given the opportunity to participate.

The Harsh Reality of Audit Fatigue

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Every organization operating today is subject to IT security compliance and privacy regulations. As more and more regulations come into existence, organizations are struggling to keep pace.

13 the average number of different IT security compliance and/or privacy regulations to which organizations currently comply.
22 the average number of dedicated staff required to manage various IT security compliance and/or privacy regulations.

Running a team of this scale costs organizations a lot of time and money.

$3.5m on average is spent each year on activities relating to IT security compliance and/or privacy regulations.
$4.7m for those complying with 16 or more regulations.

Increasing to...

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