

EARNEST Partners Completes SAS 70 Review without Exception

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EARNEST Partners is pleased to announce its recent completion of the service auditor's review known as SAS 70. The review identified and tested 62 separate operational controls. For each of those controls, testing was passed without relevant exception. The audit was performed by a nationally recognized independent auditing firm and was completed in March, 2011.

SAS 70 is an acronym for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standard (SAS) No. 70, titled "Reports on the Controls at a Service Organization". SAS No. 70 defines the professional standards used by a service auditor to assess the internal controls of a service organization and issue a service auditor's report.

The areas the firm was tested against included Physical Security, Environmental Security, Computer Operations, Information Security, System Change Control and Client Account Reconciliation. The result of this exacting series of tests was an unqualified opinion by the independent auditor, which is available upon request.

EARNEST Partners is committed to assuring its operating controls are consistent with the highest industry standards. EARNEST Partner's voluntary submission to a SAS 70 review is only part of that ongoing process.

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