

#### **Agriculture/Farming/Food Manufacturing**

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:			
Australia	100%		
Europe	100%		
North America	100%		
Asia	80%		
Africa	75%		
South America	67%		

BUDGET	VS. 2014:
Increased	29%
Stayed the Same	57%
Decreased	14%
SECURITY REF	PORTS TO:
Human Resources	
	29%
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	29% 29%
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/	
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	29%

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Investigations Cybersecurity Terrorism Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention Executive Protection/Travel Support Be or Become "Customer Facing" Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention Asset Protection/Theft

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Investigations	100%	International Workforce Protection and Support	71%
Cybersecurity	86%	Regulatory Compliance	71%
Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	86%	Supply Chain	71%
Asset Protection/Theft	86%	Contract Management	57%
Political Unrest	86%	Global Security Operations Center Management	57%
Risk Management Planning	86%	Supporting Business Growth	43%
Security Technology and Integration	86%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	43%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	71%	Insurance	<b>29%</b>

#### **Business Services/Consulting**

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:		
Africa	100%	
Asia	100%	
Australia	100%	
Europe	100%	
South America	100%	
North America	86%	

BUDGET VS. 201		
Increased	43%	
Stayed the Same	43%	
Decreased	14%	

EPORTS TO:	SECURITY RI
29%	CFO/Finance
29%	Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel
14%	CIO/Information Technology
28%	Other

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Cybersecurity Be or Become "Customer Facing" Security Technology and Integration Supporting Business Growth Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters Physical/Assets/Facilities Risk Management Planning Regulatory Compliance

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	86%	Supporting Business Growth	43%
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	71%	Terrorism	43%
Cybersecurity	71%	Insurance	29%
Security Technology and Integration	71%	Asset Protection/Theft	29%
Investigations	57%	Regulatory Compliance	29%
Regulatory Compliance	57%	Supply Chain	29%
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	57%	Political Unrest	14%
Executive Protection/Travel Support	57%		



#### **Construction/Real Estate Development**

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSI	BILITIES:
Be or Become "Customer Facing" (Meet with and Enhance Security for Customers)	100%
Contract Management (Guards, Technology Integrators, Contract Employees)	100%
Investigations	100%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	100%
Security Technology and Integration	100%
Terrorism/Bomb Threats	100%
Business Resilience/ Weather/Natural Disasters	100%
Workplace Violence Prevention/ Active Shooter Prevention	100%



### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters Technology Integration and Management Affordable Care Act Physical/Assets/Facilities Security Technology and Integration Investigations

> BUDGET VS. 2014: Increased 100%

SECURITY REPORTS TO: C00/Operations 100%

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY: North America 100%

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	ONSIBILITY:
Africa	100%
Asia	100%
North America	86%
Europe	71%
Australia	67%
South America	67%

BUDG	ET VS. 2014
Increased	43%
Stayed the Same	43%
Decreased	14%

**Diversified** 

EPORTS TO:	SECURITY R
29%	CAO/Administration
29%	COO/Operations
29%	Chief Risk or Legal Officer/
2970	Risk/Legal/General Counsel
13%	CEO/President/Executive Director

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention Cybersecurity Investigations Risk Management Planning Terrorism Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention Executive Protection/Travel Support

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	100%	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	71%
International Workforce Protection and Support	100%	Supporting Business Growth	71%
Investigations	100%	Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	71%
Risk Management Planning	100%	Asset Protection/Theft	71%
Terrorism	100%	Political Unrest	71%
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Regulatory Compliance	57%
Executive Protection/Travel Support	100%	Supply Chain	57%
Cybersecurity	86%	Insurance	29%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	86%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	14%
Security Technology & Integration	86%		



## **Education (K-12)**

GEOGRAPHIC	SECURITY	RESPONS	<b>IBILITY:</b>

North America 100%

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	67%
Stayed the Same	33%

SECURITY REPORTS TO:				
COO/Operations	50%			
CEO/President/Executive Director	17%			
Facilities	17%			
Other	16%			

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Staffing/Training Investigations Asset Protection/Theft Active Shooter Budget/Funding Cybersecurity Physical/Assets/Facilities

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:					
Contract Management	100%	Global Security Operations Center Management	33%		
Investigations	100%	International Workforce Protection and Support	33%		
Asset Protection/Theft	100%	Executive Protection/Travel Support	33%		
Security Technology and Integration	100%	Supporting Business Growth	17%		
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Cybersecurity	17%		
Physical/Assets/Facilities	83%	Insurance	17%		
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	67%	Regulatory Compliance	17%		
Political Unrest	50%	Supply Chain	17%		
Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	33%				

### **Education (University)**

<b>CRITICAL ISSUES:</b>	BUDGET	r vs. 2014:	GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:	
Budget/Funding	Increased	62%	North America	<b>92</b> %	
Investigations	Stayed the Same	23%	Asia	8%	
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention Sexual Assault	Decreased	15%			
Cybersecurity	SECURITY RE	SECURITY REPORTS TO:			
Regulatory Compliance	COO/Operations	31%			
	CEO/President/Executive Director	23%			
	Facilities	15%			
	CFO/Finance	8%			
	CIO/Information Technology	8%			
	Other	15%			
	ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIB	ILITIES:			
Security Technology a	and Integration <b>100%</b>	Loss	Prevention/Asset Protection of Goods for Resa	le <b>69%</b>	

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Security Technology and Integration	100%	Loss Prevention/Asset Protection of Goods for Resale	69%	
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	<b>92%</b>	Contract Management	62%	
Investigations	92%	Political Unrest	54%	
Regulatory Compliance	<b>92%</b>	Risk Management Planning	54%	
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	85%	Global Security Operations Center Management	46%	
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	77%	International Workforce Protection and Support	46%	
Asset Protection/Theft	77%	Cybersecurity	31%	
Terrorism	77%			



#### **Energy and Utilities**

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	ONSIBILITY:
Africa	100%
Asia	100%
Australia	100%
North America	100%
South America	100%
Europe	67%

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	43%
Stayed the Same	28%
Decreased	<b>29</b> %
SECURITY R	EPORTS TO:
SECURITY RI C00/Operations	EPORTS TO: 63%

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Investigations Cybersecurity Physical/Assets/Facilities Security Technology and Integration Asset Protection/Theft Regulatory Compliance

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:				
Contract Management	100%	Executive Protection/Travel Support	75%	
Investigations	100%	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	63%	
Physical/Assets/Facilities	100%	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	63%	
Security Technology & Integration	100%	Supporting Business Growth	63%	
Asset Protection/Theft	88%	Global Security Operations Center Management	63%	
Terrorism	88%	International Workforce Protection and Support	50%	
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	88%	Cybersecurity	38%	
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	75%	Emerging/Frontier Market Expansion	38%	
Regulatory Compliance	75%	Political Unrest	38%	
Risk Management Planning	75%			

### **Finance/Banking/Insurance**

SECURITY REPORTS TO			
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	29%		
Facilities	24%		
Human Resources	14%		
CAO/Administration	10%		
CFO/Finance	10%		
C00/0perations	5%		
CIO/Information Technology	5%		
Other	3%		

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	67%
Stayed the Same	24%
Decreased	9%
GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	ONSIBILITY:
North America	100%
North America Asia	100% 92%
Asia	92%
Asia Africa	92% 83%

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Cybersecurity Regulatory Compliance Budget/Funding Contract Management Security Technology and Integration Political Unrest Supporting Business Growth

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:					
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	95%	Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	62%		
Executive Protection/Travel Support	95%	Political Unrest	62%		
Contract Management	<b>90</b> %	Regulatory Compliance	62%		
Investigations	<b>90</b> %	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	57%		
Terrorism	<b>90</b> %	Supporting Business Growth	48%		
Physical/Assets/Facilities	86%	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	43%		
Security Technology and Integration	86%	Emerging/Frontier Market Expansion	33%		
Global Security Operations Center Management	81%	Asset Protection/Theft	33%		
Risk Management Planning	76%	Cybersecurity	<b>19%</b>		
International Workforce Protection and Support	71%				



#### **Government (Federal, State and Local)**

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:		
Africa	100%	
Asia	100%	
North America	100%	

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	83%
Stayed the Same	17%
SECURITY RI	EPORTS TO:
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/	
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Risk/Legal/General Counsel	33%
,	33% 17%
Risk/Legal/General Counsel	
Risk/Legal/General Counsel COO/Operations	17%
Risk/Legal/General Counsel COO/Operations Facilities	17% 17%

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CRITICAL ISSUES: Contract Management Investigations Budget/Funding Security Technology and Integration Physical/Assets/Facilities

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Contract Management	100%	Risk Management Planning	50%
Investigations	100%	Terrorism	50%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	83%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	33%
Security Technology and Integration	83%	Asset Protection/Theft	33%
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	83%	Executive Protection/Travel Support	33%
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	67%	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	17%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	50%	Cybersecurity	17%
Global Security Operations Center Management	50%		

### Healthcare/Hospital/Medical Center

SECURITY R	EPORTS TO:
COO/Operations	35%
Facilities	19%
CAO/Administration	12%
CEO/President/Executive Director	5%
Human Resources	5%
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	5%
CFO/Finance	2%
Other	17%

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	60%
Stayed the Same	28%
Decreased	12%

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:		
Australia	100%	
North America	100%	
Asia	75%	
Africa	50%	
South America	50%	
Europe	40%	

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention Investigations Budget/Funding Staffing and Training Regulatory Compliance Patient Behavioral Health and Violence Asset Protection/Theft Cybersecurity

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Contract Management	63%
Investigations	98%	Cybersecurity	63%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	<b>91%</b>	Political Unrest	51%
Security Technology and Integration	<b>91%</b>	Supporting Business Growth	42%
Regulatory Compliance	<b>79%</b>	Executive Protection/Travel Support	40%
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	77%	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	37%
Terrorism	77%	Supply Chain	35%
Asset Protection/Theft	74%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	28%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	72%		



### **Hospitality/Casino**

<b>CRITICAL ISSUES:</b>	BUDGET	VS. 2014:	GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	NSIBILITY:
Cybersecurity	Increased	67%	North America	100%
Asset Protection/Theft	Decreased	33%		
Budget/Financing Investigations Security Technology and Integration				
	SECURITY RE	PORTS TO:		
	GM/Business Unit	67%		
	COO/Operations	33%		

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Asset Protection/Theft	100%	Supporting Business Growth	50%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	100%	Contract Management	50%
Investigations	100%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	50%
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	100%	Emerging/Frontier Market Expansion	50%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	100%	International Workforce Protection and Support	50%
Risk Management Planning	100%	Political Unrest	50%
Terrorism	100%	Security Technology and Integration	50%
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Executive Protection/Travel Support	50%

#### Industrial/Manufacturing

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	ONSIBILITY:
North America	100%
South America	89%
Europe	82%
Asia	80%
Africa	60%
Australia	56%

BUDGE	BUDGET VS. 2014:	
Increased	42%	
Stayed the Same	37%	
Decreased	21%	

SECURITY R	EPORTS TO:
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/	33%
Risk/Legal/General Counsel	0070
COO/Operations	25%
Human Resources	13%
CEO/President/Executive Director	8%
CFO/Finance	4%
Other	17%

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Cybersecurity Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention Investigations Supply Chain Security Technology and Integration Budget/Funding

#### ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

International Workforce Protection and Support	96%	Contract Management
Terrorism	<b>96</b> %	Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention
Risk Management Planning	92%	Investigations
Supporting Business Growth	92%	Physical/Assets/Facilities
Regulatory Compliance	92%	Security Technology and Integration
Supply Chain	92%	Executive Protection/Travel Support
Political Unrest	79%	Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	79%	Global Security Operations Center Management
Cybersecurity	79%	Asset Protection/Theft
Drug and Alcohol Testing	75%	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention
n g h e t y	Terrorism Risk Management Planning Supporting Business Growth Regulatory Compliance Supply Chair Political Unres Be or Become "Customer Facing" Cybersecurity	96%       Terrorism         92%       Risk Management Planning         92%       Supporting Business Growth         92%       Supporting Compliance         92%       Supply Chair         92%       Supply Chair         79%       Political Unrest         79%       Be or Become "Customer Facing"         79%       Cybersecurity



## Information Technology/Communications/Media

SECURITY REPORTS TO		
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	38%	
CFO/Finance	23%	
CAO/Administration	8%	
CEO/President/Executive Director	8%	
COO/Operations	8%	
Facilities	8%	
CIO/Information Technology	7%	

BUDGE	T VS. 2014:
Increased	62%
Stayed the Same	23%
Decreased	15%
GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO	ONSIBILITY:

North America	92%
Australia	<b>92%</b>
Europe	<b>92%</b>
Africa	89%
Asia	85%
South America	83%

Cybersecurity Contract Management Investigations Security Technology and Integration Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters Regulatory Compliance International Workforce Protection and Support

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Physical/Assets/Facilities	100%	Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	85%
Executive Protection/Travel Support	100%	Supporting Business Growth	77%
Contract Management	<b>92%</b>	Political Unrest	77%
Investigations	<b>92</b> %	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	<b>69</b> %
Security Technology and Integration	92%	Asset Protection/Theft	<b>69</b> %
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	85%	Emerging/Frontier Market Expansion	62%
International Workforce Protection and Support	85%	Supply Chain	54%
Regulatory Compliance	85%	Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	46%
Risk Management Planning	85%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	15%
Cybersecurity	46%		

#### **Ports/Terminals**

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSI	BILITIES:
Brand and IP Protection/ Fraud Prevention	100%
Business Continuity	100%
Corporate Security	100%
Cybersecurity	100%
Disaster Recovery	100%
Investigations	100%
Physical Security/Facilities	100%
Regulatory Compliance	100%
Supply Chain	100%



### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters TWIC Compliance Technology Integration and Management Cybersecurity Investigations Supply Chain Contract Management Regulatory Compliance

BUD	GET VS. 2014:
Increase	ed 65%
Stayed the San	ne <b>25%</b>
Increase	ed <b>10%</b>

CEO/President/ 100%	SECURITY REPORTS TO:			
Executive management	CEO/President/ Executive Management	100%		

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY: North America 100%



## **Retail (Connected Commerce)**

RESPONSIBILITY:	GEOGRAPHIC SEC
Africa <b>100%</b>	
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stralia <b>80%</b>	
Asia <b>75%</b>	
Europe <b>71%</b>	

BUDGET \	/S. 2014:			
Increased	60%			
Stayed the Same	30%			
Decreased	10%			
SECURITY REPORTS TO:				
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel	30%			
CFO/Finance	20%			

COO/Operations

CAO/Administration

Human Resources

Other

20%

10%

10% 10%

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:**

Asset Protection/Theft Investigations Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention Cybersecurity Organized Retail Crime Contract Management

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	100%	Security Technology and Integration	80%
Investigations	100%	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	70%
Asset Protection/Theft	100%	International Workforce Protection and Support	70%
Cybersecurity	100%	Supply Chain	70%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	90%	Supporting Business Growth	50%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	90%		

### **Spectator Sports (Arenas/Leagues/Facilities/Events)**

FICAL ISSUES: BUDGET VS. 2014:		SECURITY RE	PORTS TO:
Increased	100%	Facilities	19%
		CAO/Administration	<b>9</b> %
		CEO/President/Executive Director	<b>9</b> %
		CFO/Finance	<b>9</b> %
		COO/Operations	<b>9</b> %
		CIO/Information Technology	<b>9</b> %
Europe	8%	Chief Risk or Legal Officer/	9%
		Risk/Legal/General Counsel	9%0
		Other	27%
	Increased GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPO North America Asia	Increased 100% GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY: North America 67% Asia 8%	Increased       100%       Facilities         GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:       CEO/President/Executive Director         North America       67%       COO/Operations         Asia       8%       CIO/Information Technology         Europe       8%       Chief Risk or Legal Officer/ Risk/Legal/General Counsel

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	Player and Fan Misconduct
	Crowd Control/Evacuations
GEO	Terrorism
	Contract Management
	Security Technology and Integration
	Investigations

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Terrorism/Bomb Threats	100%	Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	75%
Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	100%	Workforce/Executive/Personnel Protection/Travel Support	75%
Workplace Violence Prevention/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Contract Management	67%
Investigations	<b>92%</b>	Asset Protection/Theft	<b>67</b> %
Physical/Assets/Facilities	92%	Political Unrest	67%
Be or Become "Customer Facing"	83%	Security Technology and Integration	<b>67</b> %
Regulatory Compliance	83%	Drug and Alcohol Testing	42%
Risk Management Planning	83%		

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## Transportation/Logistics/Supply Chain/Distribution/ Warehousing

GEOGRAPHIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY:					
North America	89%				
South America	75%				
Europe	67%				
Asia	63%				
Africa	33%				
Australia	33%				

BUDGET VS. 2014:					
Increased	78%				
Stayed the Same	22%				
SECURITY REPORTS TO:					
Chief Risk or Legal Officer/	38%				
Risk/Legal/General Counsel	30%				
Human Resources	27%				
CEO/President/Executive Director	16%				
COO/Operations	16%				
Other	3%				

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES:** Supply Chain Asset Protection/Theft Budget/Funding Contract Management Cybersecurity Security Technology and Integration Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters International Workforce Protection and Support

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:			
Investigations	100%	Risk Management Planning	67%
Asset Protection/Theft	100%	Terrorism	67%
Workplace Violence/Active Shooter Prevention	100%	Business Resilience/Weather/Natural Disasters	67%
Contract Management	89%	Executive Protection/Travel Support	67%
Physical/Assets/Facilities	89%	Be or Become "Customer Facing"	56%
Security Technology and Integration	<b>89</b> %	Drug and Alcohol Testing	56%
Supply Chain	<b>89</b> %	Regulatory Compliance	56%
International Workforce Protection and Support	78%	Emerging/Frontier Market Expansion	44%
Brand and IP Protection/Fraud Prevention	67%	Political Unrest	33%
Supporting Business Growth	67%	Cybersecurity	11%
Global Security Operations Center Management	67%		

## 2015 Security 500 Methodology

he Security 500 Benchmarking Survey is based on information from several sources:

- Data supplied directly by the organizations
- Data obtained through public resources/records

The Security 500 tracks 18 vertical markets and collects unique data where appropriate (such as number of unique facilities in healthcare) and applies this data to key metrics. The key metrics collected this year include:

- Security Spending/Person
- Security Spending/Revenue
- Security Employees/Officer

"Person" is focused on the type of person the security budget is intended to protect. Examples include employees, citizens, students and patients. Rankings within each sector were primarily based on security budget. Several sectors had a coach who helped us customize questions for data collection and benchmarking purposes. Therefore, there was a series of general questions that all participants completed along with unique questions within each sector.

The 2015 Security 500 Survey includes the following:

- Sectors were measured and evaluated on metrics among peer organizations.
- The data requested and metrics used to benchmark within each sector were based on the input of our advisors. The purpose of the Security 500 is to

rhe purpose of the security soons to create a reliable database to measure your organization versus others and create a benchmarking program among security organizations. The results will enable you to answer the question, "Where Do I Stand?" as a basis of an ongoing peer review process. Due to the greater accuracy of the information provided by security executives compared to that of estimations, completed entries were given greater weight in the rankings than the estimations. Additionally, the sector in which a company is ranked is based on self-reported information. For example, one clothing retailer may select "Retail" and another clothing manufacturer may select "Manufacturing/Industrial" as their vertical markets.

Based on continued feedback and the goal of creating a valuable resource for our participants and industry, the Security 500 is spread across 18 different sectors. We recognize that as a result of the continued unprecedented economic changes, some organizations and their security leaders may no longer be in place. The listings are based on the information available at the time of publication. Each participating organization will receive their confidential report by December 31, 2015. We also recognize that due to low sample sizes, the statistical margin of error may be responsible for apparent dramatic changes in the data compared to 2014 when no actual differences exist. For additional information, please e-mail to:S500Questions@bnpmedia.com \$