



**Information Management Branch**  
Serving the Natural Resource ministries



# **A strategy for success**

**How building a security strategy can help you  
achieve your security goals**

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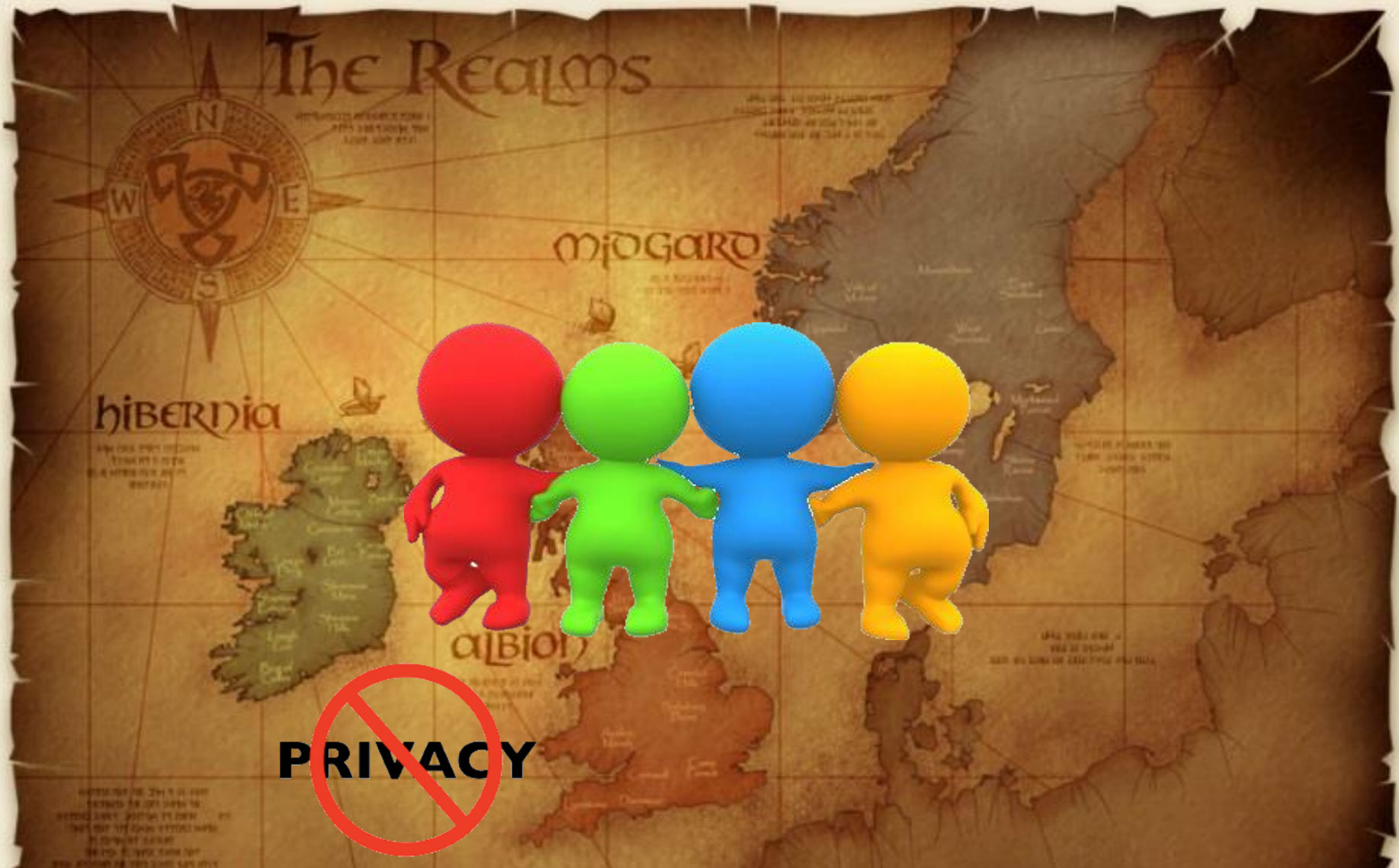
**The baseline**

**The idea**

**Benefits**

**Alignment**

**Outcomes**





Tactical – the now	Strategic – the future
Incident Management (InfoSec, HR, Non)	Incident Management (InfoSec, HR, Non)
- Simple/moderate complexity	- Major System Incident
Data Replication	New tools and platforms
Data Classification	- Vulnerability management (Scanning tools)
Access Requests	- Logging
Access Reviews	- Credentials management
General Client Assistance	- Secure cloud connector(s)
- Policy compliance/advice	- Classification framework
- MOUs, ISAs	- <u>DevOps</u>
- Open Data	- Digital Services
- Setup vulnerability scan	Cross-Gov <u>initiatives</u>
- Policy Exemptions	- SIEM
- LAN Security	- Vendor engagement – IBM, Oracle
Helping with Audit responses	- ISAC, IS Strategic Committee
Awareness – Fast Facts	Awareness – Presentations
STRAs – Point in time, simple/moderate	STRAs – Future focussed – more complex



## NRS Security Strategy



147 ways we can improve security practices

# OCIO STRATEGY

## 2016



CONNECTIVITY



SECURITY



DIGITAL



CLOUD



MOBILITY

# NRS Information Security Architecture STRATEGY 2017



# ABOUT THE NRS Information Security Team:



We are a team of 4 employees

68 Information Security professionals in BC Government



## A few quick facts!

**534**

OCIO Security Investigations in 2016  
**151** in NRS

**407**

Security Threat and Risk Assessments (STRAs) Created by the BC Government in 2016

**46**

NRS STRAs initiated in 2016

8 critical applications

400+ business applications

We support

100+ Servers  
2000+ network devices

5000+ mobile devices  
7000+ active workstations

## Things we do:

Performing STRAs for NRS Information Systems

Support for all Information breaches in the NRS

Creating and reviewing all ministry-specific privacy policies

Providing education and awareness for Information Security across the NRS

## We Will Deliver:

IBM Guardium Showcase to other Ministries

## And we introduced

- Data Classification Process
- Data Masking
- Credentials Management
- STRA Threat Modeling Process





## Natural Resource Sector

# WHAT WE DO

### Ministry Information Security Officer Role

The ministry privacy officer is responsible for implementing the Information Security Program in your ministry, serves as your primary contact for information security-related questions, and the primary contact between your ministry and the corporate information security office.

### Breach and Incident Management Response

Information breaches involve sensitive, confidential, or personal information and it is important that it be contained and mitigated with urgency. The Information Security Team will work closely with the OCIO Security Investigations Unit and the Ministry Privacy Officer.

### Conduct/Review all NRS STRAs.

As part of their duties your information security team manages and reviews all Security Threat and Risk Assessments (STRAs). We also review and advise on security controls when Information Sharing Agreements are developed.

### Advise and Consulate on Information Security Policy and Training

Advise on the development, issuance, and maintenance of ministry specific security policies. Developing and delivering ministry specific security training. The Information Security team provides consultation services and expert security advice on the development of ministry systems and information management practices.

### Conduct a regular review of Sector Security Controls

The Information Security team performs an annual review of annual information security controls (AISR). These details are documented and recommendations are shared with the Sector CIO and Ministry Executive Teams. The Results are also reported to the OCIO Information Security Branch.

### Communication and Liaise

The Information Security team is responsible for employees to understand their roles and responsibilities for helping protect information and computer systems. We provide information for ongoing audits and liaise between the ministry and the OAG and OCIO.

# HOW WE COLLABORATE

## OCIO Information Security Branch (ISB)

The ISB is the BC government's corporate information security office, under the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). We work closely with the Advisory Services, Vulnerability and Risk Management, and Awareness teams to provide consistent messaging to Sector clients. We partner with the ISP to initiate POC and Pilot engagements with corporate partners, work together on strategic initiatives, and regularly participate in awareness activities - like OCIO Security Day and the Annual Privacy and Security Conference.

## Corporate Partners

Our main corporate partners include HPAS, IBM, Telus and Oracle. We work with these partners to leverage capabilities that can improve information security practices across government. Through sponsored POCs and Pilots, value in the tooling and services they provide can be demonstrated across government, and, as a result, joint ventures can be made possible where previously they would not have been. By driving towards corporate adoption of products and services, we can drive down the cost which in turn makes our decisions more fiscally responsible.

## Information Security Advisory Committee (ISAC)

The Information Security Advisory Committee (ISAC) provides a forum for Ministry Information Security Officers (MISOs) to:

- Discuss issues and share information related to the security of the Province's information resources, and
- Provide advice and recommendations on information security related issues to the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Ministry Chief Information Officers (MCIOs).

## Director Level Security Committee

The Director Level Security Committee provides strategic leadership and direction on security initiatives across government. Membership includes strategic leaders from OCIO, NRS, GSO, TRAN, Social Sector and CSCD.

# Defensible?

Sample

1 <b>Exec</b> awareness	2 <b>Roles</b> responsibilities	3 <b>Crown</b> jewels			4 <b>Risk</b> appetite	5 <b>Risk</b> assessments	6 <b>Security</b> assessments
7 <b>Asset</b> management	8 <b>Change</b> management	9 <b>Incid</b> management	10 <b>BCP</b>	11 <b>DRP</b>	12 <b>Backup</b> & retention	13 <b>Logging</b> & monitoring	14 <b>Physical</b> & visible ID
15 <b>Incid</b> response	16 <b>Policy</b> (security)	17 <b>Prog</b> (security)	18 <b>Info</b> classification		19 <b>Crim</b> record checks	20 <b>Aware</b> program/course	21 <b>Vendor</b> requirements
22 <b>Access</b> control	23 <b>DiD</b> for end-points & network					24 <b>Security</b> governance	25 <b>VM</b> & patching

- complete or substantially complete
- partially complete or in progress
- incomplete or substantially incomplete

# OUR STRATEGIC GOALS

## Three overarching **strategic goals** set the direction for the NRS Information Security Architecture Strategy.

These goals will be achieved over the next three years through the actions outlined in this document. The following pages provide an outline of what we will do, how we will do it, and the outcomes we expect to achieve.

**GOAL** **1** **Understand what data is sensitive**  
Understanding our data is a key driver to getting the most out of it. It also helps us to focus controls to protect sensitive information, while sharing data as much as possible.

18  
**InfoSec**  
classification

**GOAL** **2** **Mitigate known weaknesses**  
One of the easiest ways we can reduce the risk of inappropriate data exposure is to ensure we don't have any obvious exploitable vulnerabilities exposed through the systems we create/manage. Also, by grouping application deployments we can focus our effort and controls around protecting those assets with common data and/or system criticality.

13  
**Logging**  
& monitoring

25  
**VM**  
& patching

**GOAL** **3** **Ensure authentication between systems**  
Improper Credentials Management for machine-to-machine communications can result in unnecessary exposures and configuration errors that affect availability. Reducing those risks will help to provide a more robust platform for our clients systems and data.

22  
**Access**  
control

**Alignment to Government Priorities**

Government Priorities: **Strong Economy**

Where Ideas Work: **Goal 1 Building our internal capacity**

Ministry Strategic Plan: **Modernize the Citizen Service Experience**

Ministry Vision: **Excellence and Innovation**

**The OCIO Business Priorities**

OCIO Mission: **Modernize the IT environment**

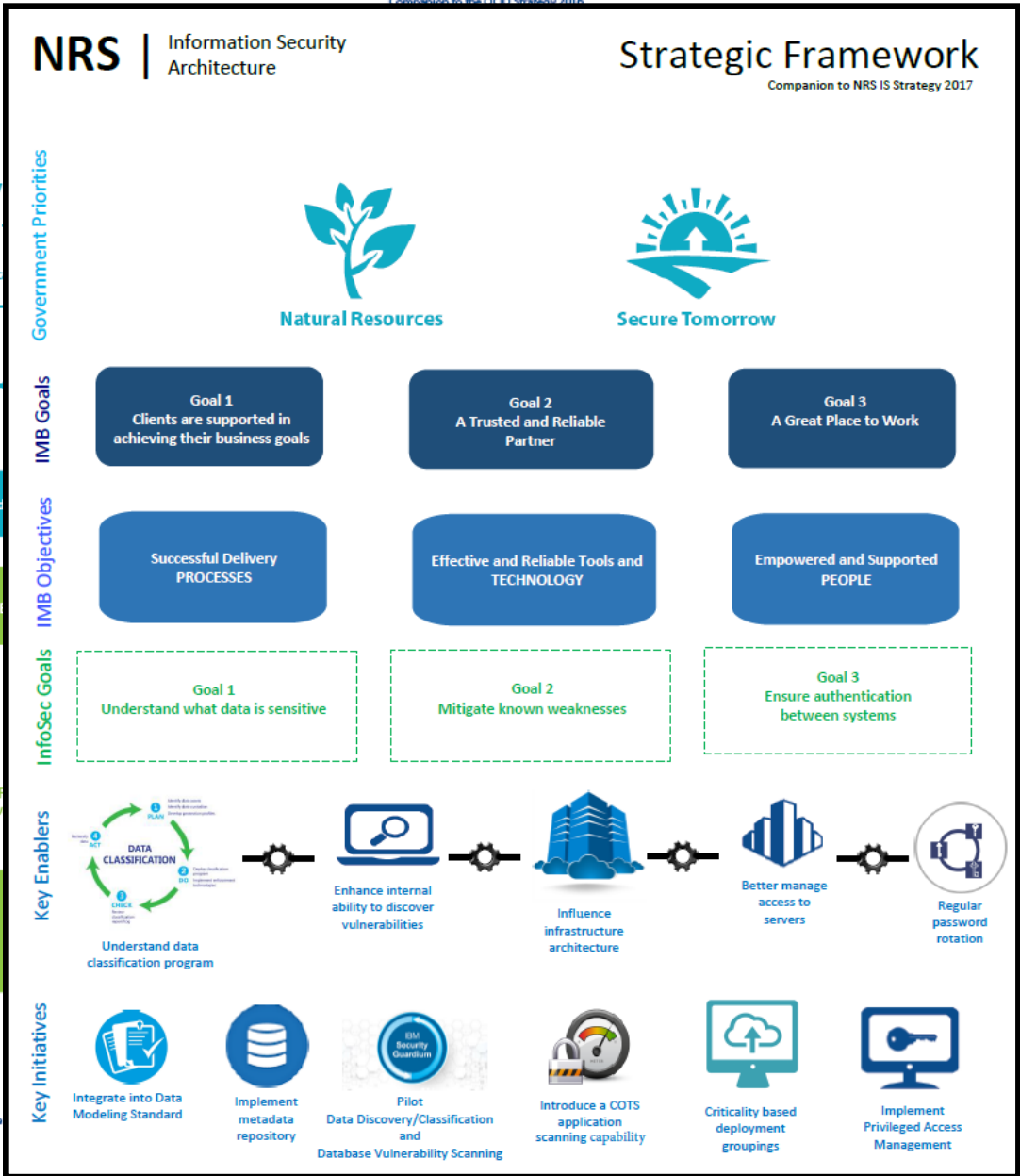
Technology Pillars: **CONNECTIVITY**  
Secure, reliable networks and internet access

Strategic Goals: **1 ENABLE DIGITAL**

**Organizing for success**

Core Functions: **Telecommunications and Network Infrastructure**, **Hosting Infrastructure**

Key Projects: **CloudBC**, **Developers Exchange**, **My Service Centre**, **BC Services Card**, **Mobile Device Management**, **Network Modernization**, **IM/IT Talent Management**





## GOAL 1 Understand what data is sensitive

### We Will

### We will achieve this by

- 1. Help data owners classify their data from an information security perspective
- 2. Make it easier to manage sensitive data
- 3. Create a single source of information security metadata
- 4. Help improve security considerations in system integration

- 1.1 Developing training material for data owners regarding

## GOAL 2 Mitigate known weaknesses

### We will achieve this by

- 1. Purchase web app vulnerability scanner
- 2. Develop process and instructions to perform regular vulnerability scanning activities
- 3. Implement a service based on project criticality and priority
- 4. Review patching practices
- 5. Develop standards with Infrastructure and DBA teams
- 6. Report on patch levels and component end-of-life based on severity
- 7. Develop structure to understand app deployment patterns
- 8. Identify opportunities to improve CIA of apps and data based upon criticality
- 9. Identify and business critical apps that contain sensitive information (confidential or personal)
- 10. Identify tools that may be used to assist in discovery process (i.e. Guardium)
- 11. Implement protections at application (e.g. containerize) or database level (e.g. encryption)
- 12. Review licensing to Exadata PROD to enable protection capability
- 13. Review licensing costs to IMB Information Systems Plan
- 14. Engage Infrastructure to ensure controls are implemented
- 15. Identify project to be created to assess current and implement improved logging practices across the sector (i.e. Point and Aggregation) project to IMB Information Systems Plan
- 16. Implement Logging project to identify Information Security requirements
- 17. Review for point logging (i.e. database or application)
- 18. Review for aggregation and alerting

## GOAL 3 Ensure authentication Between systems

### We Will

- 1. Provide guidance to improve privileged access management practices

### We will achieve this by

- 1.1 Managing groups of passwords and restricting by user group needs (Infrastructure, Deliveries, DBA)
- 1.2 Leveraging credentials pass-through functionality to eliminate password exposure (i.e. Tool logs into app for user without checking out password) – *Not sure if this is possible or not*
- 1.3 Leveraging check-in and check-out capability
  - 1.3.1 Audit of check-in, check-out
- 1.4 Using the API to enable password rotation in different situations
  - 1.4.1 After check-out/check-in activities
  - 1.4.2 After a set duration (e.g. 2 months)
  - 1.4.3 Audit of password changes

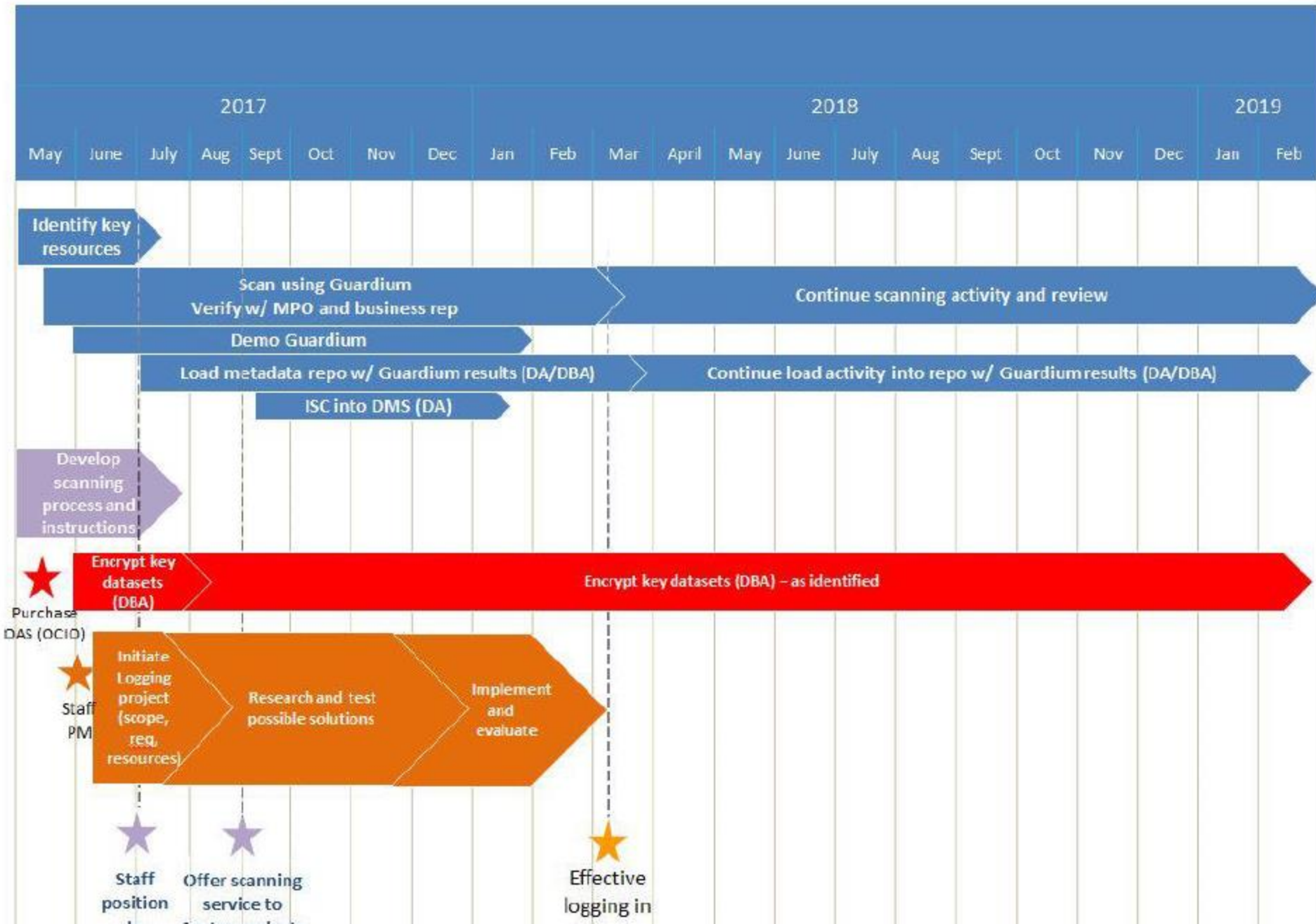
# OUTCOMES

By **achieving** our **goals**, we anticipate the following **outcomes**.

Over the next three years, we will ensure our commitments are realized by measuring, tracking and reporting on our progress. We will establish a strategic portfolio and governance model to deliver on the strategy.

OUTCOME	<b>1</b>	<b>Improved understanding of sensitive data</b>	We will better understand what data needs heightened protection and where it resides. Better define access channels to data based upon sensitivity. Demonstrate leadership of NRS in data security practices to other BC Government Ministries.	<b>18</b> <b>InfoSec</b> classification	
OUTCOME	<b>2</b>	<b>Known weaknesses mitigated</b>	Reduces vulnerability scanning costs for sector web applications. Reduces exposed vulnerabilities due to improved patching practices. Improves CIA through deployment activities. Provides reasonable security controls for sensitive and personal data at rest. Enables improved detail collection and notification when anomalous and/or malicious behaviour is observed. Enables improved issue resolution of application errors through aggregated logging capability.	<b>13</b> <b>Logging</b> & monitoring	<b>25</b> <b>VM</b> & patching
OUTCOME	<b>3</b>	<b>Secure authentication between systems</b>	More secure automated transmission of credentials between systems. Automated rotation of credentials. Auditability of credentials used by individuals through check-out capability. Single, audited, managed repository of credentials with visibility based on team needs.	<b>22</b> <b>Access</b> control	

# Roadmap



OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES	DELIVERABLES	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	2017/ 2018 Baseline	2018/ 2019 Target	2019/ 2020 Target	STATUS
1. Improved understanding of sensitive data	Help data owners classify their data from an information security lens	Develop training material for data owners regarding data classification and the benefits it provides	Training material developed	1/10	5/10	8/10	Not yet initiated
		Deliver training sessions to business owners on data classification process and tools	Record training sessions delivered				Not yet initiated
	Make it easier to identify where our sensitive data resides	Identify key database resources based on mission/business criticality	List created	6/10	8/10	10/10	Complete
		Use Guardium to scan/auto-discover PII and potentially sensitive information within database resources	Scan executed				Completed for 6 Exadata databases 175 schemas
		Verify sensitivity of information with business areas and MPO	Record which business areas have reviewed information				Not yet initiated
		Demonstrate Guardium data discovery capability to other BC Government Ministries.	Other ministries engaged				Presentations delivered to CIRMO, Health, JAG, MAH, Education
	Create a single repository for information security classification metadata	Develop and implement a metadata database structure	Database created in Int/Test/Production	2/10	7/10	9/10	Currently in Int only
		Load database metadata	Inspect loaded data is complete				Not yet initiated.
		Assign classification metadata to columns/tables identified by Guardium and business owners	Inspect loaded data is complete				Not yet initiated.
		Create an interface to easily view and/or modify classification information	User interface created and tested				Not yet initiated.

## MEASURES







Social Sector Security Strategic Plan

NRS Privacy Strategic Plan

Schema (All)

Column Labels

Count of Classification Name	Confidential	PROTECTED A	PROTECTED B	Unclassified
	145	5482	626	143



SDSI | Security

Table Name	D
ACAT_CONTACTS	
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# Questions?



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