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# SSPA INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS

## STRONG PRIVACY AND SECURITY PRACTICES ARE THE FOUNDATION OF TRUST

As a Microsoft Preferred Assessor, BDO helps current and prospective Microsoft Suppliers meet Supplier Security and Privacy Assurance (SSPA) program requirements as they seek to initiate or renew contracts. Having collaborated with the Microsoft SSPA team on the latest program updates, our team of professionals is equipped—and trusted by Microsoft—to counsel clients throughout each stage of the SSPA compliance process.

Leveraging BDO's full suite of cybersecurity and data privacy services, we can help you understand the evolving SSPA program, educate and coach on security and privacy gaps, and maximize your Independent Assessment engagement to support ongoing data protection efforts—beyond SSPA.

### OUR APPROACH

Our team of experienced data privacy and security professionals takes pride in providing our clients with value beyond compliance. If you're looking for a partner with a dedicated team who will hold your hand through the SSPA compliance process, take the time to understand your company, and help you become a better organization through improved data security and privacy practices, we would love to talk!

Applicable to all Suppliers who handle Microsoft personal or confidential data on the company's behalf, Microsoft's SSPA initiative is designed to standardize and strengthen the handling of sensitive information on a global scale.

## BDO'S PROVEN PROCESS FOR SSPA INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENTS:



## ASSESSMENT SCOPING AND PRICING

Accurately scoping your SSPA Independent Assessment is critical for a successful engagement. Additionally, engagement pricing is heavily dependent on the scale and scope of services you supply to Microsoft. Key considerations for scoping include:

- ▶ Breadth of requirements applicable per Microsoft-approved DPR self-attestation
- ▶ Number of Microsoft Supplier IDs requiring an Independent Assessment
- ▶ Number of current SOWs that involve the Processing of Personal and/or Microsoft Confidential data
- ▶ Complexity of services performed for Microsoft
- ▶ Complexity of information systems involved with the Processing of Personal and/or Microsoft Confidential data
- ▶ Maturity of data privacy and security posture

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