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# Putting the Plug Back In

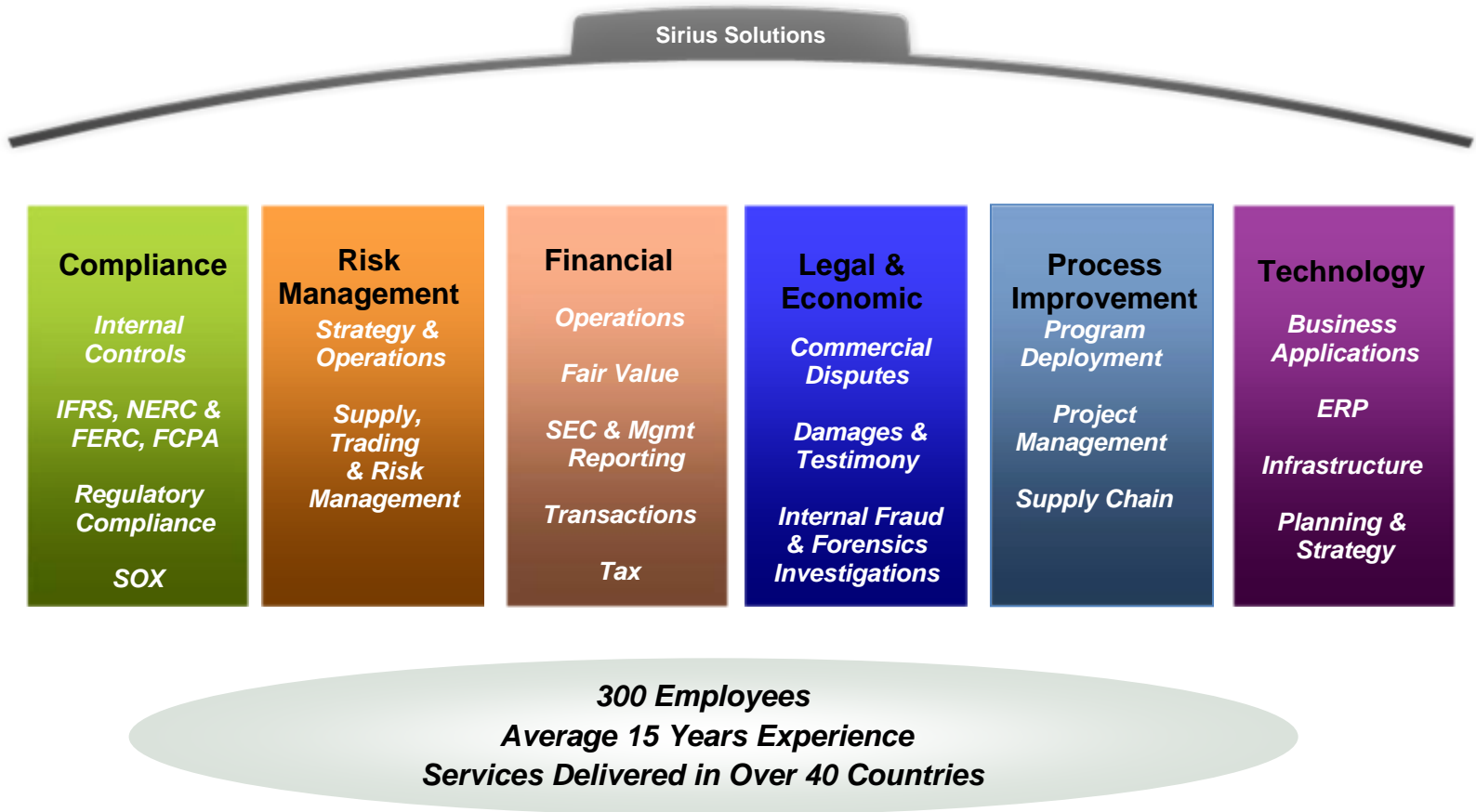
## Considerations for Auditing Your Disaster Recovery Plan

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# About Sirius Solutions



- Basic overview of Disaster Recovery Planning
- Typical areas covered as part of “auditing” DR Plans
- Reasons for an audit of the DRP
- Value of 3rd party evaluation / audit

- Also known as DRP (Disaster Recovery Plan)
- Plan to recover from a disaster
- Generally deals with IT system restoration
- Defines steps to be taken in the event of a disaster

- Difference between DRP and Business Continuity Plan (BCP )
  - BCP focuses on steps needed to maintain a predefined level of service *while* restoration occurs
  - DRP focuses on “putting the plug back in” & getting running again
  - DRP is a component of a BCP
- Involves documentation, in advance

- Have **risks** been considered?
- Is the plan **documented**?
- Have the necessary **components** been identified?
- Is the documentation **current**?
- Has the plan been **tested** / Is there a plan for regular testing?
- Have identified issues been **fixed**?

- **People** - Identify and involve appropriate people (both inside and outside IT)
- **Processes** - Consider and address what needs to be done
  - Alternate locations, communication paths
- **Technology** – Prepare and utilize technology
  - Data, Software, Hardware
  - Most basic component is data
    - Backup / Recovery

- Management Oversight
- Gap Identification
- Process & Organizational Improvement
- BPO Awareness and Accountability
- Regulatory Compliance



- At the base, it's the same value gained from having someone else "proofread" an important document.
- Provide visibility to management
- Assist in making the case for more robust DRP components
- Defining business functions, areas of control & concern as part of process
- Ensure independent analysis
- Potentially bring in "lessons learned"

# QUESTIONS



# Thank You For Your Time

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