How important is an information technology (IT) due diligence evaluation? Because of system complexities and the increasing threat of cyberterrorism and data breaches, IT due diligence is universally considered to be a critical component of the overall due diligence process.

IT due diligence evaluations relative to a business transaction are used to identify opportunities, call out operational and compliance risks, and approximate costs specific to the IT function. Gaining the right perspective on IT can significantly affect transaction viability and impact future business operations, integration and cost structure.

Access to a team of experienced, independent, and objective IT professionals to perform your due diligence and ensure that IT matters are given proper consideration in your transaction is critical to the process.

Cherry Bekaert’s IT due diligence team evaluates the overall state of an organization’s IT environment, systems/network infrastructure, software, security, support services and related business processes. Our experts can help your organization plan for investment by identifying technology-dependent cost-saving opportunities, assessing potential system risks, preparing for expected growth, and assisting with post-merger IT integration activities.
Cherry Bekaert’s Approach to IT Due Diligence Assessments

Our services consist of an assessment of the following four areas:

**Technology Review**
Identify and assess the condition of the systems running the enterprise. In this phase, we consider whether your systems are suitable for your company’s size and complexity. We also evaluate how well key systems are supported, if your system versions are current, and whether the systems meet business needs.

**IT Assets & Obligations**
Determine which IT assets and obligations are on the books, evaluate issues related to corporate ownership changes, and determine the market or liquidation value of your related IT assets. In this phase, we help you fully understand cost, valuation, and ownership matters for a given transaction.

**Organization Assessment**
Evaluate effectiveness of existing IT staff and how the team size and staff mix compares to industry peers. We review outsourced IT relationships such as managed services and provide input into their level of service and performance compared to cost.

**IT Processes**
Understand current processes used to run the IT function, including support services, applications development, IT operations, security and fiduciary management, including budgetary analysis. We help you spot opportunities to improve business performance and reduce costs through better use and management of IT.

**What We Can Help You Accomplish**
Cherry Bekaert can help you make IT a priority during a business transaction.

- We help buyers and sellers understand the impact of IT matters on a transaction, including effects on operations, EBIT and capital expenditure.
- We help you prevent business disruption and reduce buy-side risks by closely managing IT-related aspects of the transaction.
- Our experts identify opportunities to improve business performance and reduce costs through effective use of technology and human resources.

**Next Steps**
Our dedicated team of experienced professionals can help you navigate the IT considerations of your business transaction. To learn more about how we can help you with your IT due diligence effort, contact Cherry Bekaert today.

Let us be your guide forward

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