

# A CHECKLIST TO FIND THE RIGHT PARTNER FOR YOUR UPCOMING SOC 1 AUDIT

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Creating a checklist ahead of tackling your first Statement of Standards for Attestations Engagements 18 (SSAE 18) Service Organization Control (SOC) 1 audit will help make sure things go far more smoothly than if you leave anything to chance.

At I.S. Partners, LLC. Our auditing team has come up with a checklist we believe will make your first SOC 1 audit much simpler and stress-free for your team.

## 1. USE THIS CRITERIA WHEN SEARCHING FOR A CPA FIRM

- Are they licensed and experienced with SSAE 18?
- Consider your budget.
- Search for a firm that specializes in your industry.
- How many previous assessments have they performed?
- What control objectives are used, generally?

## 2. USE THIS TO NARROW DOWN YOUR TOP 2 CPA FIRMS

- Discuss fees and payment options.
- Define the scope of your SOC 1 audit.
- Set your control objectives and SOC 1 audit activities.

## 3. CONSIDER OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

We hope this list will get you started in the right direction when preparing for your SOC 1 Audit. If you have additional questions about finding the right CPA firm to take on your project, or if you would like to discuss any other ways our auditing team at I.S. Partners, LLC. can help, contact us today by calling 215-675-1400 or visiting [ispartnersllc.com](http://ispartnersllc.com).

