You know your organization needs a compliance program in place strong enough to withstand regulatory scrutiny. You may have “checked the box” on all of the components of a standard compliance program—a hotline, risk assessment, training and communications, written standards, auditing and monitoring and even periodically collecting and reviewing the mounds of information at your disposal to assess the effectiveness of your program. But are you exposing yourself to even more risk in the form of human error and missed warning signs by managing these components independently from one another? How easily can you connect the dots between all of your compliance systems to measure, assess and report data? And how confident are you in your organization’s ability to rapidly and definitively demonstrate compliance program effectiveness when government officials, directors or shareholders come calling? Here are eight strategies to taking an integrated approach to compliance management and improve your organization’s ability to identify and address risk.

1. **Implement a Central Platform**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - In a rising context to data it makes more actionable
     - Enables better decision making based on data
     - Provides a clear picture of program effectiveness

2. **Link Initiatives to Risks**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Increases understanding of how risks are managed
     - Enables identification of gaps in program effectiveness
     - Provides a comprehensive view of program performance

3. **Connect Incidents to Initiatives**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Facilitates a complete picture of compliance effectiveness
     - Enhances agility and responses on-demand data access
     - Enables timely and effective employee communications

4. **Enhance Communication**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Provides actionable insights
     - Enables improved program performance
     - Facilitates effective and efficient program oversight

5. **Monitor Program Results**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Assists in identifying emerging risks
     - Enables prioritization of resources
     - Provides visibility into program effectiveness

6. **Automate Reporting**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Reduces burden of manual data collection and report prep
     - Increases efficiency and accuracy
     - Enhances data integrity and transparency

7. **Improve Record Keeping**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Provides a defense against litigation and penalties
     - Enhances program effectiveness
     - Facilitates ongoing program improvements

8. **Extend Your Reach**
   - **BENEFITS:**
     - Enables remote and mobile compliance
     - Enhances program effectiveness
     - Provides visibility into program performance