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SOFTWARE PIRACY AUDITS

BSA TARGETS ZIP CODE 19102!

BSA, the Business Software Alliance, is targeting companies and professional organizations for software audits in zip code 19102. From October 15th through November 15th the BSA is offering a grace period to allow your firm to correct any software licensing deficiencies that may exist on your computer system.

If you participate in the BSA's Grace program, the BSA will not seek penalties for any software license discrepancies that took place before November 15, 2001, even if the audit is performed after that date.

The BSA works closely with law enforcement agencies to enforce federal copy right laws.

If you would like to be removed from our fax newsletter please write CANCEL on this newsletter and fax to 215-875-7346.

WHAT IS SOFTWARE PIRACY?

Software piracy is using software in ways not specifically allowed in the software license agreement. Though each software publisher and sometimes each program license agreement differ, these general rules apply.

You need as many NetWare or MS NT/2000 Server Licenses as you have servers, and Client Access Licenses as the maximum number of workstations on your network. Each workstation needs its own copy of all application software used on that PC, even if it's only used occasionally.

With the exception of Corel's WordPerfect Suite, software can not be shared between office and home PCs and the firm is responsible for software employees may have installed on their office computer without authorization.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you have received a letter from the BSA with a Grace Period Participation number, save that letter. If you have not received a letter, you can obtain a Grace Period Participation number at www.bsagrace.com. Your main office must be in Zip code 19102 to participate in the grace program at this time.

Between now and November 15th you must survey your computer system, including servers and workstations, for all software programs. The results of this survey must then be compared to your software purchase records.

Any discrepancies can be corrected by either procuring additional software licenses or deleting the programs from offending Pcs.

LANsultants can assist you by providing records of software procured through LANsultants and/or by providing the software audit.