



# A LIFELINE FOR SURVIVAL

IN AN EXTREME CYBER, DATA CORRUPTION OR DATA DELETION EVENT

In today’s ransomware-prevalent world, adopting a robust cyber resilience strategy is critical to any financial institution’s survival. It is no longer a question of if, but when, an institution will face a crippling cyber incident and those who triumph will be the ones that have proactively planned to survive.

Sheltered Harbor is the only participant-driven, not-for-profit, industry-led organization founded to enhance the resilience and stability of the financial sector. Sheltered Harbor's standards help institutions plan for and recover from a catastrophic operational outage or loss of data, even when the institution’s critical systems – including backups – fail.

The Sheltered Harbor Specifications were created in partnership with subject matter experts across the sector, and are recognized by regulators globally as the gold standard to help financial firms survive a crisis by:

- 1 Protecting their critical data in an off-line Sheltered Harbor cyber resilient data vault.
- 2 Creating and implementing a Sheltered Harbor resilience plan to maintain critical functions while re-establishing normal operations.
- 3 Validating implementations and readiness.

Participants adopt a robust set of prescribed safeguards and controls, which are independently audited and certified for compliance with the Sheltered Harbor standards.

## KEY BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

Effectively prepare your institution to survive a severe operational outage, bounce forward quicker and minimize overall impacts.

### RESILIENCE-BY-DESIGN

for the industry, by the industry, with a defined framework, specifications, guides, implementation support and certifications

### INTEGRITY AND PROTECTION OF THE MOST CRITICAL DATA

when secured in an off-line Sheltered Harbor cyber resilient data vault, tested and certified annually

### CONTINUITY OF CRITICAL CUSTOMER SERVICES

within predefined timelines (e.g. 24-36 hours for banks), buying time to restore normal operations

### BUSINESS SURVIVAL

when the participating organization is prepared with a regularly tested recovery plan

### FASTER BUSINESS RECOVERY

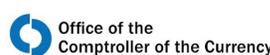
where recovery plans are tested, reducing downtime and lost business

### CUSTOMER TRUST AND INDUSTRY SUPPORT

because your organization is Sheltered Harbor certified

In a joint statement from the OCC and FDIC on January 16th, 2020: *“Consider whether backup and restoration practices are consistent with industry standards and frameworks, such as Sheltered Harbor.”*

**REGULATORY RECOGNITION:** Recognized as the gold standard for resilience.



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## INDUSTRY VALIDATION: CO-FOUNDERS, BOARD MEMBERS, EARLY ADOPTERS

Comprised of leading financial institutions, service providers and national trade associations.



## A GROWING PARTNER ECOSYSTEM SUPPORTING INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTATION

A select community of specialized trusted partners who provide the services, technology, and solutions necessary to help participants implement the standards. The number and scope of these partnerships expands as the market requires.



## GET PREPARED

Robust resilience for rapid business recovery.

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