

IT governance matters more than ever, says Alan Calder

/EINPresswire.com/ Despite the fact that some business leaders recognise IT as a highly valuable business resource, it is often the case that IT operations and IT capacity don't meet business requirements. This is largely due to the lack of alignment between [IT governance](#) and business objectives.

In his book 'IT Governance: Guidelines for Directors' (www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-773.aspx), Alan Calder, CEO of specialist solutions provider IT Governance, defines IT governance as "A framework for the leadership, organisational structures and business processes, standards and compliance to those standards, which ensures that the organisation's IT supports and enables the achievement of its strategies and objectives."

Put more directly:

- IT governance ensures your IT puts you ahead of the competition
- IT governance gives your customers confidence in your systems
- IT governance makes sure you comply with the law
- IT governance helps keep your projects running to time, to budget and to scope

Calder says, "Today, IT governance matters more than ever. The competition is fierce and the economic climate is tough. Unless your IT resources are 100% aligned to your organisational strategy, you cannot hope to achieve optimal efficiency or profitability. The board has to back up the IT department to align ICT systems with the company's objectives."

Calder's two books, 'IT Governance: Guidelines for Directors' (www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-773.aspx), and 'IT Governance - Implementing Frameworks and Standards for the Corporate Governance of IT' (www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-774.aspx), will help both senior decision makers and IT specialists understand what needs to be done in order to implement an effective IT governance framework and achieve organisational goals.

For a succinct overview of how an organisation's IT should support and enable the achievement of its strategies and objectives, Calder recommends the IT Governance: Pocket Guide, which can be ordered online at www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-762.aspx.

In order to facilitate your IT department's more efficient delivery of an IT governance framework,

Calder has created the IT Governance Framework Toolkit. It represents a step-by-step guide to cross-company implementation. The toolkit includes 1,600 pages of IT governance implementation resources (98 different documents, including templates, guidelines, checklists, questionnaires, slide presentations, assessments and planning tools).

Organisations can order the IT Governance Framework Toolkit online at www.itgovernance.co.uk/shop/p-766.aspx.

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