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Business Continuity Planning Booklet Appendix J Update to FFIEC IT Examination Handbook Series

Summary: The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) has issued an appendix to the Business Continuity Planning (BCP) booklet of the *FFIEC Information Technology Examination Handbook* entitled "Strengthening the Resilience of Outsourced Technology Services." The booklet is part of the IT Examination Handbook series and provides guidance to assist examiners in evaluating the risk management processes of financial institutions and service providers to ensure the availability of critical financial services.

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Highlights:

- Appendix J of the BCP Booklet discusses the following four key elements of BCP that a financial institution should address to ensure that their technology service providers (TSPs) are providing resilient technology services:
 - Third-Party Management.
 - Third-Party Capacity.
 - Testing with Third-Party TSPs.
 - Cyber Resilience.
- An electronic version of the booklet, as well as an FFIEC press release announcing the booklet, is available at <http://www.ffiec.gov/press.htm>.