



# BACON SUCCESS STORY 2022

**BACON UNLIMITED + SYSTEMS SOURCE, INC.**

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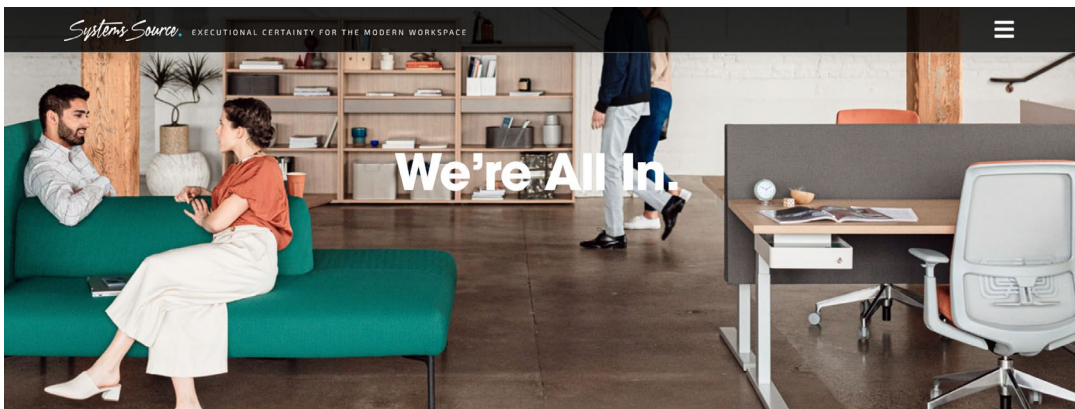


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# CLIENT SUMMARY

Systems Source, Inc. is a contract interiors firm headquartered in Southern California, with five offices across the United States. They provide companies nationwide with quality furniture, workspace design support, architectural elements, flooring, accessories, and workplace management services. Their approach emphasizes both creativity and budget-consciousness, covering everything in the physical space.

*Systems Source.*



## CHALLENGE

As a small to medium-sized business, Systems Source has a small IT team. However, they frequently work with large corporations and government entities, which have stringent cybersecurity requirements. To meet these requirements, Systems Source needed to comply with NIST 800-171 and

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CMMC certification standards. This involved creating a policy to remediate high vulnerabilities within their systems, as well as compiling software inventory from all endpoints.

As Director of IT Randall Hayes explained, "We started getting serious about cyber initiatives and clients started pushing regulations to us, specifically about NIST 800-171 compliance and CMMC certification. Initially, we had to pull software inventory from all endpoints in order to comply, so we had one staffer who would spend pretty much all his time working on just that."

## **SOLUTION—BACON UNLIMITED!**

Systems Source researched various software options and ultimately chose Bacon Unlimited for its ease of use and cost-effectiveness. As Hayes stated, "Our biggest risks were lost effort and lost time, as we were under a time crunch. But it turns out we did make the right choice and the support we've received has been exceptional. We chose Bacon for a couple of reasons: ease of use and cost. Instead of spending months getting certified to run the software, Bacon was up and running within a few days and anyone on our team can use it. Plus, it was very cost effective."

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Bacon also provided quick filtering and identification of systems that needed remediation, allowing for mass updates on a schedule that worked for Systems Source. Additionally, the software's Profiles function allowed Systems Source to enforce settings on staff computers, helping to prevent rogue employees from causing issues. As Hayes explained, "Sometimes you have an associate who goes rogue, i.e., winds up in a bad place in cyberspace—and there's about 100 ways to do that, all of them not good. So, with Bacon we found a way to quickly lock down systems if needed. Or if the device falls into the hands of somebody who doesn't need to have it, Bacon can help us with that, too."

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## RESULTS

Bacon Unlimited has helped Systems Source streamline their processes and maintain their 400 endpoints with ease. It has also given them the ability to quickly remediate vulnerabilities and keep their systems patched and current. In fact, as Hayes stated, "We caught five bad actors trying to exploit us leveraging exploits within 48 hours of the exploits being made public. However, our systems were patched with Bacon the day they exploits were made public, so we were safe. Had we not had a tool that we could use to react quickly and remediate those things, we would have been severely impacted."

The automation provided by Bacon has also allowed Systems Source to free up 75 percent of their IT staffer's time, giving them three weeks each month to work on other projects. As Hayes noted, "As a smaller business, we are typically staffed not to the peaks but rather to the valleys and we need to constantly be made aware of things that are going to put us out of business. Bacon is a tool that helps us see around the corners and pushes the stuff that's going to put us out of business to the top of the list." Overall, Bacon has proven to be a valuable tool for helping Systems Source identify and address potential threats and maintain compliance. ■

