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**Weaver Launches New IT Advisory Service:  
CEH Network Security Assessments**  
*Certified Ethical Hacker Accreditation Earned from EC-Council*

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, Texas (July 15, 2015) – [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, recently launched a new [IT advisory service](#) that provides unique and enhanced computer network security assessments performed by a Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH).



Trip Hillman, CISA is a senior consultant in Weaver’s IT advisory services and has met the necessary requirements to earn the CEH certification from the International Council of Electronic Commerce Consultants (EC-Council). This CEH program provides a comprehensive ethical hacking and network security training to meet the standards of highly skilled security professionals.

The CEH is a widely recognized certification obtained by individuals responsible for testing the security of computer networks and addresses common exploits, vulnerabilities and countermeasures using hacker techniques and tools.

This achievement positions Weaver as an accounting firm that offers security assessments such as vulnerability assessments and penetrations tests that are performed by a CEH.

“Trip is our first CEH at Weaver,” said Brian Thomas, CISA, CISSP and partner who leads Weaver’s IT advisory services. “Enhancing our credentials is an important step in the firm’s efforts to continue to increase our technical service capabilities and offerings in the information security space.”

This certification follows the announcement that Weaver recently became a Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) firm approved by the PCI Security Standards Council to provide payment card industry data security assessments.

“We bring a different level of service to our clients with Trip’s information security certificate,” said John J. Mackel, Weaver’s managing partner and CEO. “This is just another example of how we are looking to bring a complete offering of IT advisory services to our customers. We pride ourselves as a firm that meets a variety of needs for our clients.”

In addition to security assessments, Hillman also focuses on IT audits for compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and third-party technology audits such as Service Organization Control (SOC) examinations.

### **About Weaver**

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has 500+ employees and operates in 10 cities across the United States. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 38<sup>th</sup> largest firm in the United States and a 'Best of the Best firm for 2014' by *INSIDE Public Accounting*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including public and private national and international companies, nonprofit organizations and government entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory, transaction advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation, international tax, property tax, state and local tax, and wealth strategies services. Learn more at [www.weaver.com](http://www.weaver.com).